

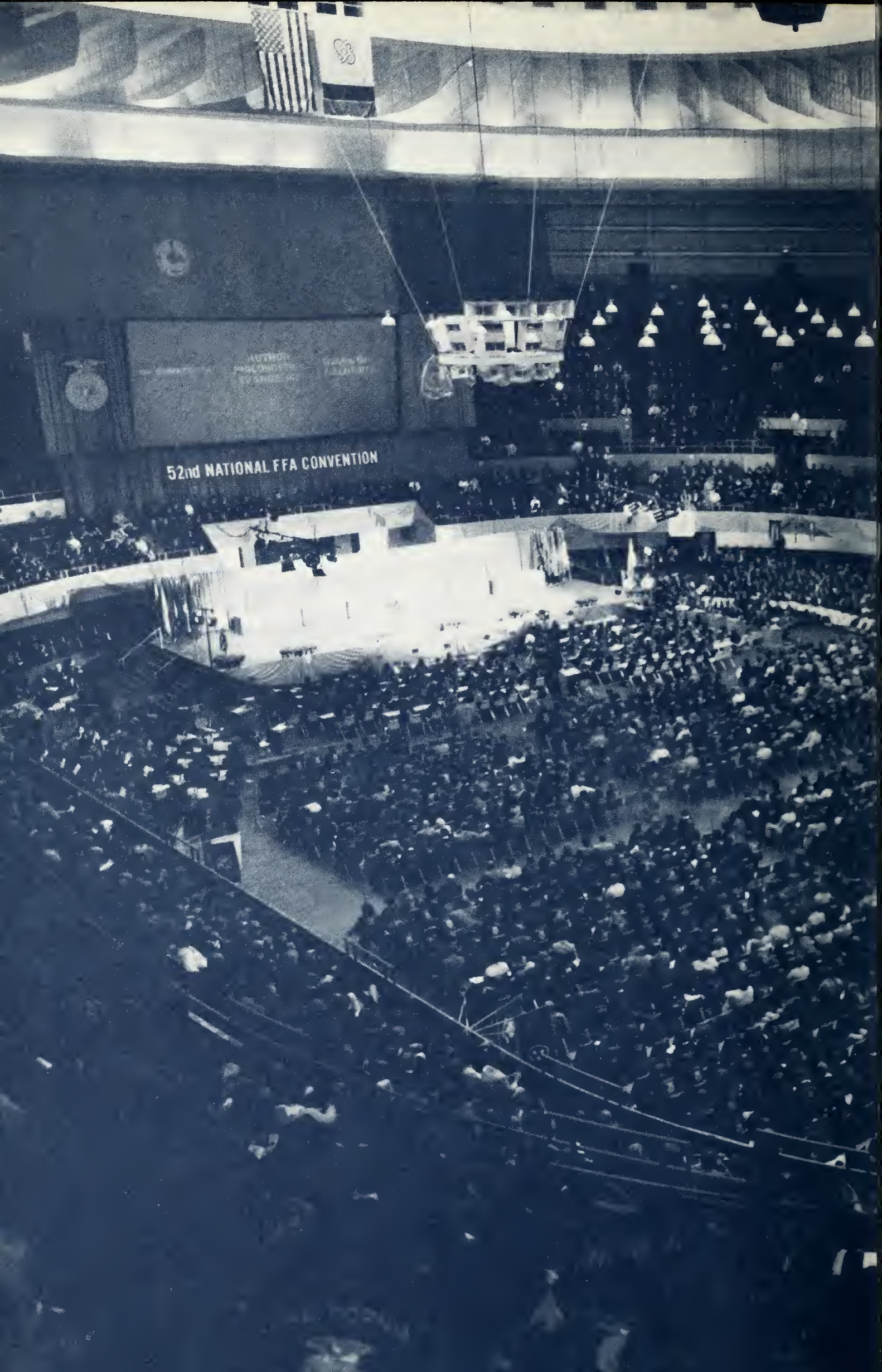
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*Top to bottom: Schuller, Stenholm, Haggai, Dunham, Ivy, Parton.*



Kevin Holtzinger, 21, of Windsor, Pennsylvania, and Robert Lovelace, 21, of Elsberry, Missouri, were recognized as the 'best of the best' in the "Stars Over America" Pageant Thursday night. Holtzinger, named Star Farmer of America, is a dairy farmer, and Lovelace, named Star Agribusinessman of America, breeds and selects superior seed stock for woody ornamentals. These two were selected from 789 American Farmer Degree recipients.



The Convention fell exactly one decade after the first official action was taken to include women in the FFA, and the young ladies seemed to celebrate that fact by taking several of the top honors. Besides Elin Duckworth's election to National FFA Office, many other honors were taken by women. Lynette Marshall, 18, of Sparland, Illinois, was named the National FFA Public Speaking Contest winner, the first girl so honored. Christe Peterson, 18, of Madison, Wisconsin, won the first-ever National FFA Extemporaneous Speaking Contest sponsored by the American Farm Bureau Federation through the National FFA Foundation. Janet McNeese of Siler City, North Carolina, became the 1979 American Royal Queen. Twelve women were among the 88 National Proficiency finalists, and 47 received their American Farmer Degree, the organization's highest award. Lists of the 789 new degree holders and the top Proficiency winners begin on page 37.



Special awards were presented to many outstanding adult supporters of the organization. The Honorary American Farmer Degree, the Distinguished Service Award and the VIP Citation were presented to those involved in education, industry, and agriculture. H. N. Hunsicker, immediate past National FFA Advisor, was also specially honored for his many years of outstanding service to vocational agriculture/FFA.



The National FFA Foundation celebrated its 35th anniversary by topping the \$1 million mark in funds for FFA activities. The 1979 Foundation Sponsoring Committee was led by Robert D. Lund, Vice President of General Motors and General Manager of the Chevrolet Motor Division in achieving \$1,050,000 for incentives and programs for FFA members. The 1980 Chairman, Roland M. Hendrickson, President of the Agricultural Division, Pfizer, Inc., told those in attendance, "in 1980, our goal will be to continue to provide whatever resources are necessary to support the great programs of this great organization."



### **INSPIRATION AND HUMOR**

Dr. Robert Schuller, noted for his "possibility thinking" and Hour of Power television broadcast originating in Garden Grove, California, was the first to take the stage as a keynote speaker on Wednesday morning. He set a positive, inspirational tone for the week's start. Dr. Dan Dunham, former National FFA President, and now Deputy Commissioner of the U. S. Office of Education, gave his remarks following a premiere showing of the film "The President's



Challenge" on Wednesday night. Dr. Thomas S. Haggai, world traveller, humorist and author, addressed the group as did Charles Stenholm, a dynamic United States Congressman from the 17th District of Texas. Stenholm is a former vo-ag instructor and FFA member. Cotton Ivy, publicized as the New Will Rogers, provided comments of a more humorous vein and a cheer went up from the crowd when Stella Parton, who was then billed at the American Royal, came to the crowded arena to invite members to visit the Royal that afternoon.

### **VITAL AND GROWING**

The National FFA Alumni held their convention in conjunction with the FFA's meeting, and once again conducted a successful set of leadership workshops in the H. Roe Bartle Hall. High points of the Alumni meetings were the announcement of a record membership of 15,904 and the introduction of the winner of the Outstanding Affiliate Award—New Lexington Alumni Affiliate of New Lexington, Ohio. A reception for the new holders of the Honorary American Farmer Degree was sponsored by the Alumni in cooperation with Delmar Publishing Co. of New York. Floyd Doering, State Vo-Ag Supervisor from Wisconsin, was elected to the President's post for 1979-80 and Phyllis Sokolosky of Owasso, Oklahoma is President-Elect. Outstanding Alumni Achievement Awards were presented to three individuals—Harold Bradley of Kansas, Gus Douglass of West Virginia, and James Guilinger of Illinois.

### **ELECTIONS AND THE FINAL GAVEL**

Friday, the final day of the Convention, was perhaps the most exciting day for some. After recognition was provided for those FFA members and foreign students participating in the FFA's Work Experience Aboard (WEA) program and shortly before FFA Day was held at the American Royal, the National FFA Officers for 1979-80 were elected. These new officers closed the 52nd National FFA Convention that night following an inspiring retiring address by Mark Sanborn and some rousing entertainment provided by the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio.

The new national officers are shown below in a photo taken shortly after their election was made official on November 9, 1979. They are: (left to right, front) Philip B. Benson, 20, of Winters, California, National Secretary; Douglas C. Rinker, 20, of Winchester, Virginia, National President; (left to right, back) Elin T. Duckworth, 19, of Mesa, Arizona, Vice President, Western Region; Dee William James, 20, of Clay Center, Kansas, Vice President, Central Region; Donald L. Trimmer, Jr., 20, of Woodsboro, Maryland, Vice President, Eastern Region; Jeffrie C. Kirby, 19, of Gassville, Arkansas, Vice President, Southern Region.





# Retiring Addresses 1978-79 National Officers



## A PART OF YOU

Mark Sanborn, National FFA President  
Friday, November 9, 1979

*"... believe in yourself and your abilities;  
believe in one another ..."*



It was just after I'd finished addressing his state's FFA Convention when Tony approached me and introduced himself. He was very kind and sincere, and I sensed in him the enthusiasm for the FFA that I had seen in so many members throughout my travels. He asked if I'd had any lunch and when I told him that I hadn't, he asked me to join him ... his treat. Tony, I learned, was the reporter of his FFA chapter, and we talked about his involvement, accomplishments and aspirations in the FFA. In the course of our conversation, we discovered that we were both avid readers and after lunch we browsed through the University bookstore.

The convention ended the next day and before he left, Tony sought me out. He said that he had something for me—a way of saying "thanks for having lunch with him"—and he presented me with a book by Louis L'Amour, his favorite author. I was



touched by his thoughtfulness. It was I that should be thanking him for his generosity in buying me lunch, yet he was showing me another unexpected kindness for simply sharing some time with him, and I felt doubly indebted. You might think that the book was a simple gift, but to me it was special because it represented an attitude and philosophy Tony possessed that makes for a successful FFA career . . . a most successful life. For in giving that book Tony gave something of himself, and that is the most valuable gift that anyone can give.

Thank you Tony, for sharing with me a part of you.

A part of you, of each of the ½ million FFA'ers in all 51 state associations, has gone into making this year a success not only for yourselves, but also for the FFA organization, for my fellow National Officers and for me personally. In all the goals and achievements, the enthusiasm, hard work, the laughter and the good times, we could see a part of you.

It has been said that a man's life consists of his friendships. If this is true, then we as National Officers are most richly blessed, for it has been you—members, parents, advisors, state and national staff, friends and supporters—that have made this year so worthwhile; for this year has been “a part of you.”

One of my philosophies has always been to learn as if I were going to live forever and to live as if I were going to die tomorrow. Since adopting that idea, I have found a better alternative in the words of an elderly lady who said, “That's a fine idea, but I have always tried to live by one that is slightly different. It is this: Treat all people you meet each day as though it was their last day on earth.” Therein lies a key to human relations; this is the essence of serving.

W. Clement Stone is the co-founder of *Success Unlimited*, a magazine that has inspired and motivated thousands. In a recent article explaining his hopes for the future of the magazine he wrote, “What is my goal? It's a simple one really . . . all I want to do is change the world, make it a better world for this and future generations.” That simple goal—to make the world a better place—is a noble goal for us as members of the FFA.

Albert Schweitzer said, “You will always have happiness if you seek and find how to serve.” Two thousand years ago the greatest authority on serving others the world has ever known gave the best formula for leadership I've yet to find, for Christ said, “The greatest among you will be your servant.” He knew that God measures man not by his head but by his heart; not by his intentions but by his actions; and not by what he gains but by what he gives.

In a foreign country an American journalist watched as a missionary cleaned the infected sores of a wounded soldier. “I wouldn't do that for a million dollars!” the journalist explained. “Neither would I,” the missionary replied.

You win in life when you give unselfishly of yourself, when you put a part of you into everything you do.

Laura is an example.

Three years ago Laura's grandfather gave her a generous gift of money so that she could start a vo-ag project and become involved with the FFA and the two became very close.

A year later her grandfather had his third and most serious heart attack. Throughout her daily visits to the hospital Laura thought he was getting better, but one evening she overheard her parents say that there wasn't much hope left. She soon realized that crying wouldn't do any good, so from that day forth every night after school she went not to the hospital but rather to church where she prayed for her granddad's recovery. This she did faithfully for six weeks! She returned home from church one day to discover that her grandfather had been released from the hospital and was now at home. This was a miracle for a man who hadn't been given much hope, except for the hope and faith that Laura kept alive.

Laura says, "I really believe that it helped to hope and pray because my grandfather is still alive."

You're right, Laura. Faith is that one enduring quality we can count on to get us through even the darkest times, especially when that faith is a part of you.

July 19, 1979 was a most memorable day for all the State FFA Presidents' Conference participants who stood in the Rose Garden of the White House listening to the President of the United States, himself a past member of our organization, speak directly to the FFA. He said "... I today ask you to link your hands and hearts with me as President in the energy battle that we now face ...". President Carter recognized the power of people with a common purpose and challenged FFA'ers to work together in solving one of our nation's most difficult problems.

Tonight I have a final request as your National President. I ask each of you here today to join your hands and hearts with me as FFA members. Would you please join hands with the person seated next to you and for the next few moments think with me about what you believe in. What you believe is important for as the Bible says in Proverbs, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Your beliefs are a unique part of you, and I offer for your consideration belief in these things: believe in yourself and your abilities; believe in one another; believe in the future of farming and agriculture "with a faith born not of words but of deeds"; believe in FFA for it means so much to all of us, and finally, I want you to believe in God ... with whom all things are possible. Now, right where you sit, please join me in saying these two simple but magical words "I believe." Everyone together, "I believe." What a tremendous affirmation of unity and faith! We can only imagine what great things can be accomplished when we believe and work together.

I have reached the end of my FFA career, but I love and respect the FFA more than ever ... because it has done so much for me and because it can do so much for you. Because of your friendship, concern and cooperation this year, I look to tomorrow with a joy and excitement of living that increases every day, for each day brings with it new experiences, fresh insights, clarity of purpose and, hopefully, maturity.

Ultimately, I think we share a common goal in that when our lives shall end we can say like the Apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith ...".

There is so much that could be said that it is difficult to convey the meaning of this year in words, but I've tried and I've put my most meaningful thoughts into a song written especially for you and for this moment. It's called "A Part of You."

Now I sing my final song;  
I hope you'll sing along;  
In spirit and in mind.  
I've always tried to put a part of me  
In all I've done;  
And share a part of me with everyone.  
But you, you've given so much more  
By giving of yourselves;  
You have made the FFA  
By giving a part of you.

I've seen so many places  
And so many friendly faces;  
And it's been you that made my year worthwhile.  
You deserve life's very best;  
You know you've passed life's test;  
When you've given all you've got to give.



Believe you can and will succeed  
Rely upon the Lord;  
To meet your every need.  
Learn from yesterday;  
Plan for tomorrow;  
But live each and every moment of today.  
Believe with a part of you  
And give your best in all you do.  
Just give a part of you;  
By giving your dreams come true.

Now I thank five others  
Who have been just like my brothers;  
And they've taught me more than I can 'er repay.  
Our friendship spans beyond this year  
Because through the laughter and the tears,  
We've learned what being a team is all about.  
And you have given so much  
As members of the FFA.  
You will never know how much  
You mean to each of us.

Now as I leave  
I take a part of you with me;  
And I thank you all for sharing of yourselves.  
My message is spoken;  
My song is sung;  
My year is done . . .

. . . and I thank you.—May God bless you richly.





## CLEARED TO CLIMB AND MAINTAIN

Kelly Grant, National FFA Secretary

Wednesday, November, 7, 1979

*"A special something awaits each of us . . . it takes a special someone to know the whens and hows of obtaining it."*



The sounds of a playground . . . children's sounds . . . children's games . . . and yet the games they play will have an impact upon them for the rest of their lives. "Power, power, whose got the power—if you have the power or know who has the power, please leave the room." That's one I'll never forget. The object was to figure out which member of the group possessed the hidden "power" to make things happen. The power we were seeking at that time didn't really exist, but another kind of power was present in those games we played.

All of those children's games gave us the ability to think, laugh and work with others. And we haven't stopped playing yet! Yes, our games are a little different now. The stakes are higher, and the feelings run deeper, but in reality, the game is still the same.

Friday night, they tell me, my time will be up in this organization. During my seven years in the FFA, my thoughts have ranged from "Do I have to?," to "Gosh, I can do that." Then, "I know a better way", and later, "Let's work on this together." Now the satisfaction comes, not in doing it for one's self, but in seeing others climb to the top.

All at once this year, I realized it was happening. Suddenly the main objective wasn't to climb for myself, but to see others getting involved, doing things, climbing higher . . . It was then that it all fell together. Of course! My place in the FFA wasn't so much to prove to others what I could do—but to prove to others that they could do . . .

A snowy day in January found me on my fourth different classroom visit of the day. All day I had visited with FFA members. My purpose? To get others interested in climbing higher in the FFA. This particular visit found me in a smaller chapter during the last period of the day. I remember one particular person in the class who was very outspoken in his lack of involvement in anything. As I quizzed him in front of his classmates, he tried his best to make the moment difficult for me. He informed me that he didn't want to be a Greenhand, was proud to be the only freshman without an FFA jacket, and didn't want to amount to anything in the FFA anyway—lousy club, were his words.

But then I realized that what he was really saying to me was just the opposite of that! Even the guy who outwardly has no desire, deep down wants the respect and attention of his peers. I would bet even Sid dreams of improving his relations or status with others. Otherwise, he wouldn't be striving for so much attention. Sid just went about his dreams in an awkward fashion!



We all have a dream of climbing higher. The hard part comes in climbing upward while maintaining our purposes. During the seven years I have shared with the FFA, my climb has been given that purpose. My climb shifted from a selfish, "I want it all for me" feeling to a concern for the dreams and ideas of others.

In the words of the musical group ABBA:

I have a dream, a fantasy  
To help me through reality  
And my destination makes it worth the while  
pushing through the darkness still another mile  
I believe in angels, something good in everything I see  
I believe in angels, when I know the time is right for me  
I'll cross the stream, I have a dream.

We've got to reach out for those hopes and desires we possess with the same enthusiasm and spirit of a children's game. We have the power within us to do more than dream, but to act out our fantasies. A special something awaits each of us. But it takes a special someone to know the whens and hows of obtaining it.

Years ago, on the day of my first solo flight in an airplane, my flight instructor gave me some advice. He opened the door to exit the plane, leaving me for the first time to fly it alone. As he left, he said, "make sure you have climbed high enough before you start your turns."

"The ideal life is in our blood and will never be still. Sad will be the day for any person when he becomes contented with the thoughts he is thinking and the deeds he is doing—where there is not forever beating at the doors of his soul some great desire to do something larger, which he knows that he was meant and made to do.

—Phillip Brooks

Friends, you've got to keep climbing ahead in life. The real trick is to climb while maintaining your values and individual spirit. My last wish for you is a simple one. The sky is clear for you. Take off and make the Future Farmers of America greater by maintaining your dreams and the things which make you unique from anyone else.

If you were the pilot of an airplane, you would simply be: **CLEARED TO CLIMB AND MAINTAIN . . .**

Climb high, climb for your goal  
The sky,  
Your aim, the stars.



### **MAYBE MY TIME IS UP**

Kevin Drane, National FFA Vice President  
Friday, November 9, 1979

*"... we can always reach for a new goal or dream ... everyone sitting here can achieve their goals if they try."*



"The Reporter"

"stationed by the flag"

"why by the flag?"

"as the flag covers the United States of America so I strive to inform the people in order that every man, woman and child may know that the Future Farmers of America is a national organization that reaches from the state of Washington to Puerto Rico and from the states of Maine to Hawaii."

A lot of you noticed that the way I gave that part of the Opening Ceremonies was not correct. How many of you noticed it? It wasn't correct for today, but the first time I gave that part in the Opening Ceremonies, Alaska hadn't been chartered yet. You see the first office I ever held in the FFA was that of Reporter. The year was 1972, a presidential election year; Richard Nixon was being challenged by George McGovern and George Wallace. Wallace was shot during the campaign and paralyzed, dropping him out of the contest. Richard Nixon went on to defeat McGovern. The Oakland A's won the World Series by beating the Cincinnati Reds. UCLA won the NCAA basketball championship and in the ABA the Indiana Pacers defeated the New York Jets to become the American Basketball Association champs. The Alaskan pipeline was given the okay and plans were underway for its completion. DDT was nearly banned everywhere and the SALT Treaties were first implemented. Bobby Fisher won the World Chess Tournament and a stamp cost about 8¢.

To me, the most important activity of the year of 1972 was when Kevin Drane walked into his first vocational agriculture-FFA class. Sure my signing up for agriculture didn't change the entire world. No, just mine. Seven years have passed and a lot of things have changed. Richard Nixon resigned his Presidency. Now Jimmy Carter holds those reins of leadership. The Oakland A's didn't make it to this year's World Series. The ABA or American Basketball Association has either folded or merged with the NBA. The Alaskan pipeline has been completed. DDT is a thing of the past. The SALT Treaties are still being negotiated and a postage stamp now costs 15¢. Yes, this world has changed a lot in the last seven years and scientists say that in a few more years the total world knowledge will double and we will see even more changes. I've changed a lot too. I walked into that first ag class a fairly shy individual. I wasn't a farmer and I didn't want to be one. Today, that is my ultimate goal, to some day own my own farm or ranch. In 1972, I didn't know what FFA had to offer a young person. Today, I've seen every aspect of the FFA at the local, state and national level.



Yes, time changes a lot of things and I guess I find it ironic that now as I end my active membership in this organization, I'm finishing by reciting the first part I ever had to memorize in the Opening Ceremonies—the Reporter's part.

I have so many mixed emotions as I leave this year of office—this organization. I will always remember the good that it has done for me. The past two years I've served with 11 other guys as a state and national officer. As a state officer I grew with six other individuals until today I consider them the brothers that I never had. They all know I love them dearly. This year I was blessed once again. I will always remember Mark for his businesslike professionalism; Kelly for his vast knowledge and his love for piloting up there in the wild blue yonder. I will remember Elvin for the friendly way he can strike up a conversation with anyone and also his Texan ability to stretch the truth (a little). A devotion to God will be the way that I will remember Dean, and Jeff's honest and sincere love for the people he is around will remain with me forever. I will forever be indebted to these individuals for allowing me a chance to grow with them. I'm sure they will all join me in saying these last few words to you as "maybe my time is up."

Folks, I have so many people to thank that I could go on and on. I owe my parents everything that I am (good or bad). They would do anything for me. I hope they know how much I love them. So many people helped me along the way. My advisors, friends, fellow members—I owe you all so much! I want to share a couple of thoughts with you before I go.

My time is up in the FFA. That is a fact, but I will find something else to do or some other way to help. I just don't want any of you to think your time is up before you even get started. Too many FFA members think that they can't achieve before they even try.

"Maybe My Time Is Up" is the title of an article in the *Reader's Digest*. It is the story of a set of twins named Scott and Steve. They had recovered from a shaky beginning at birth when the doctor said they had a 25% chance of living, but both were now living typical kids' lives. They didn't get selected to play little league football, because they were too small. This gave their mom fuel for the fire when she wanted them to clean up their plates at dinner. But, it didn't help. In fact, Scott began to eat less and less. A doctor's physical examination showed that he had Hodgkin's disease. Chemotherapy was prescribed and Scott responded well. By the summer of '72, Scott had caught back up in school and the family was enjoying the best summer they had ever experienced. In 1973, treatment ceased. Scott lit a sparkler he had saved from the Fourth of July for when he was really cured. Months later, Scott had a relapse. This time the treatments did nothing but make Scott ill. Scott was very scared. He always kept a diary where he wrote down everything that happened to him. It was in such detail that the hospital authorities used it for a text for their intern program. Scott had helped those that had to go through the same treatments that he had to undergo. Scott's attitude changed after his 14th birthday. He wrote in his diary, "I am back on treatment again. Now what? Maybe—maybe this is it. Maybe my time is up. But why? Some day the battle will end. I will either conquer or die. Either way is fine for me. I am tired. I want to rest."

In 1976, they found Scott's condition even worse. They found that his blood cells were changing. He now had leukemia. Scott passed from this physical life two days later. FFA members never believe that your time is up!

Scott reminded me of a quote by Theodore Roosevelt when he wrote, "I will either conquer it or die." The quote:

"The credit belongs to a man who is actually in the arena; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms; the great devotions and spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement;



and who, at worst, if he fails, fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold timid souls who know neither victory or defeat."

Take the hint!! Folks, life shouldn't be what happens to us while we are making other plans. Your life should be made up of choices not chances. Your time hasn't even begun. "Maybe my time is up?" Never! Only when I am satisfied, and Socrates said "satisfaction is death." We can always reach for a goal or a new dream. And, when we reach that one we can find a new goal to strive for. I'm trying to say that everyone sitting here can achieve their goals if they try. If their time isn't up before they get started. A quote by Ward was just this:

"If you can imagine it you can achieve it.

If you can dream it, you can become it."

I guess I would also tell you never be afraid to love people. Scott had in his diary, "How would I show love."

"How I would show love is by being thoughtful and caring, helping in any way I could. Hugging and kissing would be a nice way too. Laughing and smiling when someone you love is happy, and being reassuring when someone you love is sad. When you are sick it helps to have someone hold your hand, letting the warmth of their love for you trickle into you."

FFA members would you allow me to show you that I care? Would you give me a ride to a meeting if I needed one? How many of you would write me if I were ill? I've heard Bobby Tucker ask these same questions at the Washington Conference. He went on to say that if you would do these things for a stranger, shouldn't you do it for the people at home that are your neighbors? They should be your friends too, because you live this life with them. You can help each other out. Do you? Love doesn't make this world go around, but it sure makes the ride worthwhile. Help other people and care.

Since I care for you I will quit here in just a second. But, before I do, I want to say this: (Author Unknown. Found in Old St. Paul's Church in Baltimore in 1692.)

"Go placidly amid the noise and haste and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant for they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others you may become vain and bitter; for there will always be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your career, however humble, it is a real possession in the changing fortune of times. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery, but let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many people strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love, for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is perennial as the grass. Take kindly the counsel of years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But, do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not that is clear to you no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore, be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul. With all its sham and drudgery and broken dreams it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy."

FFA members, I really can't put a monetary value on this year. If I could I know that I will never make enough money in my lifetime to pay you for the belief you have had in me, for the friendship, and the love so many of you have given to me. I



have had an opportunity to make friends from White Lake, North Carolina, to Las Cruces, New Mexico; from Nacogdoches, Texas to Berthold, North Dakota. I wish I could thank each and everyone of you, but that just can't be done so instead let me leave you with this poem from the very bottom of my heart.

"Whatever paths you follow may these blessings come your way,  
cherished friends and loved ones to brighten every day,  
work that makes you happy, rest that makes you strong,  
a sense of humor to see you through whenever things go wrong,  
the strongest faith, the brightest hopes that heaven can impart  
serenity and wisdom, an understanding heart,  
an awareness of life's beauties, an answer to your prayers,  
and the blessed reassurance that God understands and cares."

I thank you FFA members and MAY GOD RICHLY BLESS YOU ALL.





### MANY SIMPLE ACTS

Jeff Rudd, National FFA Vice President  
Thursday, November 8, 1979

*"... it's not the big things you do that mean the most to a person's life, it's the little things—the simple acts."*



Have you ever wondered what made a championship football team so great; or how a person could develop the polished, dynamic speaking style of a Robert Schuller or the Public Speaking contestants we've heard; or how in the world a mortal human being could be born into this world, experience much of the same frustration, happiness and the growing pains that you and I experience and through some magical, mysterious transformation become President of the United States? How?

What, if anything, sets these people apart from the crowd? All of them began as young people, like you and me, living in big cities or on small farms, poor, middle class, or wealthy, facing many of the same challenges and obstacles that most youth and young adults face.

About a month ago, I had an experience that revealed to me part of this mystery. I had just flown into my home airport of Greensboro late one Sunday night. I picked up my luggage and headed out to the parking lot to find the faded, old, dirty car I had parked there about one week earlier. Finding the old clunker, I threw my bags in the back, cranked it up and began to back out only to discover that I had a flat tire. So I opened the trunk, found the jack and the spare and proceeded to change the tire—under a burned out street light and no moon, not even a star, to be seen in the sky. After about half an hour of feeling around in the dark, smashing fingers and bruising thumbs—with little rain drops falling on my head, I laid the tire iron on the pavement, kicked the rest of the air out of that tire and uttered a few unkind words! It was then that an elderly, black man walked over to where I was working away; realizing that I was a little tired and a bit frustrated and realizing that if something wasn't done soon, I was going to say and do something very unbecoming to a good Baptist, he shined a bright light on that poor, old flat tire with heel marks all over it, and he quietly said, "You look like you could use some help." So for the next ten minutes, I finished fixing the tire and attempted to strike up a conversation, but he said very little. When I had closed the trunk, I graciously thanked him and offered to pay him for his trouble, but he refused any payment saying, "Want nothing, just an act of kindness." He paused, looked me in the eye and continued. "Just one thing young man. If you ever see a fellow out here toiling in the dark over a flat tire, you do the same for him. And always remember, it ain't the big things you do that mean the most to a person's life, it's the little things—the simple acts." He shook my hand and walked away.

As I drove home that night thinking about what that wise old man had said, I



thought back to the simple words Kyle Rote, Jr. spoke at this convention one year ago: "A successful life is made up of a series of successful days." Successful days, they're just simple acts.

You see, that championship football team, or these speakers or the President of the United States didn't become great overnight. Nor was it through any complex formula or through some mysterious power that they reached the point where they are today. It was through a series of successful days and simple acts that they were able to achieve their high goals.

Willie Stargell, captain of the World Champion Pittsburgh Pirates developed a unique system of recognition for the Pirate players. If you watched the World Series, you probably noticed the stars on the Pirates' caps. Each of those stars represents a game winning hit or a superb defensive play or an excellent pitching performance; in short, for each substantial contribution a player made toward winning a game he received a star. It was Willie's belief that the team which could do the little things, day to day, to win ball games could emerge as champions. Willie Stargell understands the simplicity of success.

In 1974, I remember a gullible, naive, country boy in his Greenhand FFA year at Bartlett Yancey High School. As a sophomore in high school, his only dream was to get out of school and get on with the business of being whatever it was he would become. What would he become? He really didn't know and didn't care a whole lot either. I guess you could say he was suffering from open-spacitis—he had a lot of open space between his two ears! But a few acts of concern shown by his family, some acts of encouragement by his faithful old agricultural teachers, and the confidence given him by his peers—these simple acts changed that young fellow's attitude so much that they, plus a little hard work and determination, eventually enabled him to be elected National FFA Vice President. Hopefully, these acts will take him far beyond that. And your acts of kindness, belief, inspiration and motivation made it all worthwhile for this country boy from Yanceyville, North Carolina. You've given friendship to a person who a few years ago could have quite possibly become a very lonely, tormented man.

Henry Kissinger in his book *The White House Years* often speaks of the loneliness and torment that former President Nixon suffered through his last term in office. Mr. Kissinger writes about President Nixon: "Despised by the Establishment . . . What would have happened had the Establishment about which he was so ambivalent shown him some love? Would he have withdrawn deeper . . . or would an act of grace have liberated him?" Do you know any lonely people?

Almost one year ago, I began to discover that being elected to a National FFA office is not the culmination of a dream, rather it is the beginning of one. And if I had spent too much time celebrating the reaching of that goal, I would not have been able to experience the day to day joys, challenges, and frustrations of living that dream. And for me, the past 365 days have each been very unique and very fantastic. And by preparing each day for the next and experiencing each day one by one, they've developed into a unique fantastic year.

About a year ago  
I took a glance,  
And had my chance,  
So I set my pace,  
And ran the race.

I've finished first  
And sometimes last,  
But that doesn't matter,  
It's all in the past.

And it's not what I've done in the past  
This year, that will fulfill my life's new dreams,  
But it's what I'll accomplish from,  
This day forward that means the most to me.

So each day I'll tell myself,  
Tomorrow I have many more simple acts to perform,  
And another successful day to live!



## CARRY ON

Dean Norton, National Vice President  
Wednesday, November 7, 1979

*"... if we as individuals are going to succeed in this organization, and life, it is up to you and me to carry on!"*



"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

"The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here... that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain... that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Abraham Lincoln

These are some of the most famous words ever spoken by Abraham Lincoln, sixteenth president of the United States. These words are part of his famous Gettysburg Address. Lincoln told the people that it was their responsibility to carry on the tradition that had been set before them. A tradition set by those who gave their lives on that and many other battle fields.

As I speak to you today, those words are still ringing throughout America. As Future Farmers and as Americans, it is now time for us to accept that challenge and press on with that tradition and responsibility set before us in an organization of the students, by the students, for the students, enrolled in Vocational Agriculture—FFA.

This year as a national officer I have met many people who have met this and many other challenges in their life. But there is one that I will always remember, and have thought about him many times this year. It was October 23, 1978. The day started like most any day for Mr. Arthur Mitchell. He had things he wanted to do that day, and one of them was to finish picking corn. As he was picking corn he kept hearing an unusual noise coming from the picker. He stopped the tractor, and left the corn picker in gear to see if he could find out what was making the noise. He got off the tractor and walked around the corn picker listening to see if he could find the noise. As he stepped around the picker, he got too close to the gathering chain. His right foot was caught first, then his left. As the machine pulled his legs in, he managed to brace his body to keep the rest of himself out of the machine. He called out for help and finally a sixteen year old boy came out to the tractor. Mr. Mitchell told him how to shut the tractor off, and asked him to go call for help. Mr. Mitchell was still conscious when the rescue squad got there and he told them how to get him out. On the way to the hospital he stopped breathing. He eventually lost both of his legs—one above the knee and one below the knee. Mr. Mitchell had twenty-four operations and spent over twenty-one days in the intensive care unit.

I visited Mr. Mitchell in December in the hospital. He was in a private room.



When I entered the room, I saw a man sitting up in bed with no legs, but he had something much more important and amazing. He had a big smile, a firm handshake, and an amazing attitude. Amazing, because while I talked with him, he wasn't telling me how terrible it was that a man in the prime of his life had lost both legs, that he could not do the things he wanted to, that he had twenty-four operations, and had spent over one and a half months in the hospital. No, he was asking me about some students enrolled in a vo-ag program and the national FFA convention. Because you see Mr. Arthur Mitchell was a vo-ag teacher. He was concerned about some students and how they were doing on projects, judging teams, officer activities, and he talked about how much he was looking forward to seeing and working with them again.

Then when I got ready to go, he asked me to have a prayer with him and his wife. He said that he was thankful to God to be alive. After the prayer and I started to leave, Mr. Mitchell said that he would be looking forward to seeing me next year at the national FFA convention in Kansas City.

I called Mr. Mitchell on October 8, 1979, almost one year exactly from the date of the accident. He was excited that I called and was eager to tell me how he was doing. Today, Mr. Mitchell has two artificial legs and is teaching full time, five classes a day. The day I called him he had been working with the forestry team. He now can drive a tractor, and his chapter president is here today. He said that he was sorry that he could not be here but he had a lot of work to do at home and at school. He hoped that his experience would help someone to CARRY ON and not give up.

FFA members I hope that you realize that the history of our organization is bright, filled with many great accomplishments because of people like Mr. Arthur Mitchell, who have met the challenges and have carried on. I hope that you always realize that the future for this organization is . . . well—the future is YOU. The greatest potential for solving America's problems in energy, agriculture, lies in the productivity of YOUTH.

Genius that power which dazzles mortal eyes,  
Is oft but perseverance in disguise.  
Continuous effort itself implies,  
In spite of countless falls the power to rise.  
Twix failure and success the point is so fine,  
Men sometime know not when they touch the line.  
But oh how true when shades of doubt dismay  
Tis often darkest just before day.  
There is no failure save from deep within,  
Unless you're beaten there you're bound to win.  
A little more persistence, courage, vim, success will dawn,  
O'er failures cloudy rim.  
Take thy this honey for the bitter cup,  
There is no failure save in giving up.

Friends this year I have had the opportunity to serve with five individuals who are meeting the challenges and are carrying on. I thank them for sharing part of themselves with me. I would like to share with them my feeling about working with them this year. In doing so I can find no better way to say it than by saying part of what Christ said in Matthew 25:21. So to Mark, Kelly, Elvin, Kevin, and last but by no means least Jeff, I simply say: "Well done thy good and faithful servant; enter thy into the joy of the Lord."

But FFA members this year could not have been possible without you. I want you to know that this year you have helped me to answer many questions about myself and to find myself. But most of all this year you have helped me to realize, just as I hope you have, that if we as individuals are going to succeed in this organization and life that it is up to YOU and me to CARRY ON! MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!



### THAT FINAL CHANCE

Elvin Caraway, National Vice President  
Thursday, November 8, 1979

*"Our strength is in your ability to utilize each chance the FFA gives you to be all that you can be."*



The telephone rang at the National FFA Center. The call relayed another rush order for a brand new FFA jacket for Tracy McIntosh. The employees worked rapidly in preparing this special jacket because they knew that Tracy would have only one chance to wear it—his final chance to wear with pride the blue and the gold.

Tracy had met an untimely death and his parents decided that it would be appropriate for Tracy to be buried in something he dearly loved.

Tracy took with him a part of us as FFA members and left with us the challenge to make the most of our final chance to learn, to do, to earn, and to serve as we wear the jacket of the Future Farmers of America.

Like Tracy, I have but one final chance to wear this FFA jacket. When tomorrow's evening session is over, I will remove this jacket never allowed by our constitution to wear it again.

As my time in the FFA nears an end, I leave you a rich man, for the one is rich who has a friend. I will be rich forever with the memories of the people who made my short seven years in the FFA so rewarding—you, my friends.

Please allow me this final chance to thank you for truly decorating my life, and to challenge each of you who will so ably be directing the work of our organization.

Mr. Gregory, as my FFA advisor you have been a teacher, a friend, a helping hand, a motivator, and in many ways a brother and a father.

Today, Mr. Gregory, you represent thousands of advisors who exhibit that same kind of friendship to their students across the United States of America.

Vocational Agriculture teachers and FFA advisors have met many challenges in our beautiful heritage. But today the greatest challenge ever is before you. Vocational Agriculture departments are closing, membership is dropping, there is a shortage of those noble folks called FFA advisors.

Today you affect more people than ever before. I pray that you realize that you are involved in one of the proudest of all callings, and that you affect eternity because you never know how far your influence goes.

You will meet the challenges of our organization!

Thank you for decorating our lives!

Mom and Pop, you represent all parents and supporters of FFA members. Words are unable to express an adequate thanks to you.

Earlier this year, I was home while my Pop was in the hospital for the first time in thirty-eight years. That week I met others in the hospital. I saw a brave lady before



and after a serious cancer operation. Down the hall was an elderly man who passed away. I was inspired by the new born babies, and the happiness in their parents' lives. After telling my Pop about these people, he shared with me this old quote: "It's not how long you live that counts, but **how** you live the time that God has given you that really matters."

Parents, alumni members, foundation sponsors—the list could go on and on—all of you have contributed so much to us during the time God has given you. Because of you, and those like you, we will continue to Prepare for Progress!

Thank you for decorating our lives!

Bill, you are a fine brother and my best friend. This afternoon you represent one-half million Future Farmers of America.

I must admit, Bill, that I am envious of you, for as you wear your first FFA jacket as a Greenhand you have just begun to embark on the marvels of our organization. Like your fellow members, you have the potential to be the best in the FFA, because you and all those like you, are somebody special.

You told me that I was away from home so much this year that it was almost like not having a brother. I apologize. My thoughts and prayers were always with you as they were and always will be with each FFA member.

Kevin, Jeff, Kelly, Dean, Mark and I all agree that the most rewarding part of this year was our association with the members, our friends. I hope that we served you in such a way to have earned your friendship too.

Thank you for decorating our lives!

This year I searched for the power and strength of our organization. I thought I had found it when I shook President Carter's and Vice-President Mondale's hand. I thought that it was in the cities and towns in which we live. I even thought that maybe it was in our past. It wasn't in any of these places.

Do you know where I found that power and strength? It was the power of the members in an Indian village in Sells, Arizona. It was the strength of the members in a chapter in downtown New York City. It was the dedication of an advisor in the state of Washington who hadn't missed a single day of teaching in over forty-two years. It was the member from Oklahoma who exclaimed that he was so proud when he wore his FFA jacket that he could hardly see straight, and the member from California who commented that the FFA had changed her whole life.

**YOU ARE THE POWER!** You are the strength. You will continue to be the power and strength if you regard every FFA opportunity as your final chance. My friends, like Tracy and myself, your time in the FFA is limited. You may never pass this way again. Our strength is in your ability to utilize each chance the FFA gives you to be all that you can be.

As you prepare for progress, please always remember that you are experiencing your final chance! Your final chance to participate, to learn, to smile, to win, to prepare, to grow, but most importantly your final chance to **LEAD**. As a significant part of the FFA and of the United States which have been built on faith, love, spirit, freedom, and action, your chance to lead is the true strength and power of our future!

A great Marshal in the second battle of Marne in World War I was asked about his situation. He sent back this dispatch: "My left falters, my center is weak. My right crumbles. **I am attacking.**"

Marshal Foch realized that he had his final chance to lead. Likewise, you may never again have this fabulous final chance to lead our organization to even greater heights. Any good that you can do, **DO IT NOW**, for today is the beginning of a new day for you and the Future Farmers of America.



My friends, this afternoon what I really want to say  
Can't be said in a justful way.

For it would take much too long  
To properly thank you in such a short song.

Seven years ago you came into my life like a smile  
On the face of an innocent child.

Since then, we've walked together for awhile.  
Your touch and friendship has made the journey worthwhile.

To have to leave you seems almost like a crime.  
But I'll never forget you until my heart runs out of time.

This year I've been a part of you and you a part of me.  
You've taught me that you can be whatever you want to be.

This year your care and concern were always there.  
That's why to leave you seems so unfair.

This year your National Officers, my brothers, came to you, within our eyes a gleam.  
One year later we leave that same six having played a small part on  
our 500,000 FFA member team.

This year I've had the honor to look at you with a glance,  
As you proudly accepted THAT FINAL CHANCE.

This year we've learned to always look toward the future because it is always at stake.  
But nothing will ever compare to the memories of the glitter in your  
eye and your warm handshake.

I must admit that I find it a little hard not to cry  
As I tell you, my friends, thank you and good-by.

I only hope that I have left you something to love, something to  
dream for, something to do,  
Because, you see, my friends, THAT FINAL CHANCE is now all up to YOU!





## National Agricultural Career Show

Continuing in its second year in the H. Roe Bartle Exhibition Hall, this year's National Agricultural Career Show was larger than any before it. Over 150 exhibitors were involved in what is rapidly becoming one of the highlights of the convention. Before a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday afternoon, when Mayor Berkley of Kansas City officially opened the show, a special VIP tour was conducted for members of the FFA National Board of Directors and other officials. For the next three days, members, advisors and guests from every state visited the fine displays exhibited by agriculturally oriented companies, the armed forces and various educational organizations and schools across the United States.

During its thirteen year existence, thousands of FFA members and advisors have been able to assemble the latest information available on career opportunities in the broad field of agribusiness and renewable natural resources. In addition, high school counselors and school administrators become more familiar with the industry of agriculture through personal contact with the professionals manning the attractive career show exhibits.

### CAREER SHOW EXHIBITORS

A. O. Smith Harvestore Products, Inc.  
 Action: Peace Corps/VISTA  
 American Angus Association  
 American Association for Vocational  
 Instructional Materials  
 American Association of Nurserymen  
 American Farm Bureau Federation—Young  
 Farmers and Ranchers  
 American Fisheries Society, Missouri  
 Chapter

American Maine Anjou  
 American Morgan Horse Association  
 American Phytopathological Society  
 American Quarter Horse Association  
 American Society of Agricultural Engineers  
 American Society of Agronomy  
 American Soybean Association  
 American Veterinary Medical Association  
 Bergwall Productions  
 Briggs and Stratton Corporation



Bureau of Surface Mining  
 Bureau of the Census  
 Butler Manufacturing Company, Agri-  
   Products Division  
 Carnation Company Milling Division  
 Ciba-Geigy Corporation  
 Dairy Council of Greater Kansas City  
 Deere & Company  
 DeKalb Ag Research, Inc.  
 Department of Energy  
 Dupage Horticulture School  
 Entomological Society of America  
 Environmental Protection Agency—  
   Region VII  
 Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute  
 Farm and Ranch Management School  
 Farmland Industries, Inc.  
 Federal Crop Insurance, USDA  
 Fish and Wildlife, Department of Interior  
 Food and Energy Council, Inc.  
 H.D. Lee Company  
 Hesston Corporation  
 The Hunger Project  
 International Brangus Breeders Association,  
   Inc.  
 Jackson Area Vocational Technical Institute  
 Kansas State University  
 Kansas State University—Department of  
   Grain Science and Industry  
 Massey-Ferguson  
 Missouri Valley College  
 Mobay Chemical Corporation  
 Monsanto Agricultural Products Company  
 N. E. Central  
 NVATA  
 National Agriculture Aviation Association  
 National Association of Animal Breeders  
 National Association of Farm Broadcasters  
 National Association of Swine Records  
 National Farmers Organization  
 National Gasohol  
 National Grain and Feed Association  
 National Guard

National High School Rodeo Association  
 National Society of Livestock Record  
   Association  
 National Weather Service  
 Navy Recruiting Command  
 Ohio State University  
 Oklahoma Vocational Technical Institute  
 Pfizer Inc.—Ag Division/Pfizer Genetics  
 Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.  
 Pipestone Area Vocational Technical  
   Institute  
 Poultry Science Association  
 Prentice Hall Media, Inc.  
 Professional Grounds Management Society  
 Reston Publishing Company, Inc.  
 SURGE—Babson Brothers Company  
 Seald-Sweet Growers, Inc.  
 Shell Chemical Company Agri-Chemicals  
 Smith Equipment Division of Tes Com  
 Society of American Florists  
 Society of American Foresters  
 Sperry New Holland  
 Steiger Tractor, Inc.  
 Superintendent of Documents—Kansas  
   City Bookstore  
 TUCO, Division of the Upjohn Company  
 Texas A&M University System  
 Thompson-Hayward Chemical Company  
 U.S. Air Force  
 U.S. Army Recruiting Command  
 U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of  
   Land Management  
 U.S. Department of Labor  
 U.S. Marines  
 USDA Farmers Home Administration  
 USDA Federal Grain Inspection Service—  
   Training Branch  
 USDA Soil Conservation Service  
 University of Minnesota  
 University of Missouri  
 The Wildlife Society, Missouri Chapter  
 Youth For Understanding

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# COMPETITION AND RECOGNITION



## STARS OF AMERICA

Overall proficiency in agriculture or agribusiness endeavors, community service, leadership ability—these are a few of the areas in which an individual is measured before the highest honor the FFA has for recognizing individual members will be bestowed. Since 1929, Star Farmers have been selected from the American Farmer candidates who receive the degree at the time of the National FFA Convention. In 1969, an award for the Star Agribusinessman of America was added on the same terms. A check for \$1,000 goes to each of the Stars and \$500 awards are presented to each of the Regional Stars in each category. This year, the following people were awarded the honors:

**Star Farmer of America—Kevin S. Holtzinger, Windsor, Pennsylvania**

Star Farmer, Central Region—Dennis Ringhofer, Owatonna, Minnesota

Star Farmer, Southern Region—Steven Earl Burke, Millen, Georgia

Star Farmer, Western Region—Jerry C. Wiebe, Hooker, Oklahoma

**Star Agribusinessman of America—Robert W. Lovelace, Elsberry, Missouri**

Star Agribusinessman, Eastern Region—Stanley M. Palmer, Alliance, Ohio

Star Agribusinessman, Southern Region—Willard Kenley Redditt, Orlando, Florida

Star Agribusinessman, Western Region—Ron Grabner, Kent, Washington



**MARSHALL**



**PETERSON**

### **NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTESTS**

The National FFA Public Speaking Contests were the final eliminations of nationwide contests that started in local chapters, with winners progressing through area or federation, state and regional contests.

Each of the eight members who participated in the national contest—four in the prepared contest and four in extemporaneous—already had won a medal at the local chapter level and \$100 at the state level. The winner of each national contest received \$300. Other awards were \$275 for second; \$250 for third and \$225 for fourth. Awards and travel funds for the extemporaneous contest are provided by the American Farm Bureau Federation through the Future Farmers of America Foundation. The prepared contest is financed through the General Fund of the Foundation. In the prepared contest, each contestant spoke from six to eight minutes on an agricultural subject of his or her own choice, then was subjected to five minutes of questioning by the judges. Scoring was done on the basis of speech delivery, manuscript and answers to questions. In the extemporaneous contest offered for the first time this year, contestants study subject matter in the areas of production agriculture, agribusiness and leadership. They then draw two areas that they may select their topics from. The contestants then draw a topic from each of these two areas and are given two minutes to choose the topic that they wish to speak on. In the Speaking Contest, each contestant was given 30 minutes to prepare his or her four to six minute speech. After the presentation of his or her speech, each contestant then had five minutes to answer questions from the judges.



### **SPEAKERS—Prepared Contest**

First Place—Lynette Marshall, Sparland, Illinois  
“THE \$500,000,000 QUESTION”

Second Place—Paul S. Bennett, Charlotte C.H., Virginia  
“BEEF—AN UNSURE SITUATION”

Third Place—David Funk, Bronson, Florida  
“AMERICA: FOOD OR FAMINE”

Fourth Place—Kevin Shurtleff, Seguin, Texas  
“WHAT GOOD IS THE FARMER?”

### **THE \$500,000,000 QUESTION**

Lynette Marshall, Sparland, Illinois



Are you ready for the \$500,000,000 question? Why does the government want to ban nitrites in cured meats? Consider that the results of this ban, proposed by the Food and Drug Administration, could mean the loss of \$500,000,000 annually to the hog industry, affecting not only hog farmers like my father and others, but also major commercial businesses through the loss of a \$12 billion dollar cured meat industry, and also each one of you through a ten to fifteen percent inflationary impact on your consumer food prices. It sounds like a rather tough question to answer, doesn't it? Actually this question is one that the meat industry has been asking itself since the talk of a nitrite ban started.

Nitrite itself is simply a chemical used in cured meats for flavor and color and as a preservative. Basing its judgments on results of a test which showed that nitrites were a weak carcinogen or cancer causing agent, the FDA feels that there is enough evidence against nitrites to warrant a gradual ban of them from cured meats.

The FDA bases its entire opinion on one study for which it had commissioned Dr. Paul Newberne at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to investigate the effects of nitrites in the diet of rats. Dr. Newberne concluded from his study that 12.5% of the rats fed nitrites developed lymphomas, a cancerous tumor but 8.4% of the rats in the control group which were not fed nitrites also developed lymphomas. This fact in itself raises a question—why was there a high percentage of the cancerous tumor in the control group? In January of 1977, near the end of the study, the FDA, the very organization which has accepted Newberne's study as the sole basis for their nitrite ban, upon inspection found several disturbing factors in Newberne's laboratory. According to the FDA there had been a mix-up in the rats' diets; an animal caretaker had fed the wrong diet to a group of rats. The scales used were not sufficiently accurate to weigh the exact amounts of nitrites in the various diets. The raw data on each rat's death was recorded on paper towels which were thrown away after the information was posted on file cards. Therefore, no check for accuracy was available. The FDA termed the results of this investigation, “appalling” and could offer “no excuse” for this type of laboratory procedure. It now

seems that the FDA has forgotten about these findings since they are continuing to use Newberne's study as the sole basis of their nitrite ban. Richard Lyng, the President of the American Meat Institute has charged, "The incredible fact that becomes clear when one reads through this FDA report is that the deficiencies in Good Laboratory Practices were extremely serious and led to erroneous conclusions." After all of these deviations and discrepancies have been disclosed, factors which most certainly could lead to erroneous finds, FDA commissioner Donald Kennedy told a Senate Subcommittee, "I want to emphasize the importance of the Newberne study. It is a good study." Mr. Kennedy must have forgotten about the investigation of Newberne's lab, where his department found "appalling" results for which they could offer "no excuse."

Replacing the nitrites is another problem with the FDA's proposal. Mrs. Carol Foreman, the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, states that the USDA's intention is to gradually phase out nitrites and replace them with other curing methods or forms. Mrs. Foreman refrains from listing her alternatives to nitrites, possibly because almost one thousand compounds have been tested and found unsuitable as alternatives. Without a satisfactory replacement for nitrites, the effects of a ban are so great it is nearly impossible to relate the full, overall effect. The chance of botulism from improper handling of uncured meats would be greatly enhanced. Steven R. Tannenbaum of the Department of Nutrition and Food Science at M.I.T. and a world renowned researcher in this field told a House Committee when he was speaking of the nitrite removal, "We can be certain if precipitously removed, deaths will result from botulism. On the other hand, the risk of cancer from nitrites in cured meat is vague and arguable."

According to the USDA, consumer prices would rise as a result of eliminating nitrites. Currently fifty percent of our pork ends up in cured meat products. Without cured meats the consumer would pay the cost of losing fifty percent of the pork products. The Nitrite Safety Council has said that hog producers would have an annual income loss of at least \$500,000,000. Roger Mandigo, a meats scientist at the University of Chicago, has said that the removal of nitrite "... would ostensibly destroy most hog production." This economic impact would produce a snowballing effect also involving the corn producers since one third of the corn grown in the United States is fed to hogs. Ultimately because of the lack of a market, the bottom would also drop out of corn prices. In 1977 the USDA itself said that the prohibition of nitrites would have an inflationary impact equivalent to a ten to fifteen percent increase in total food cost to consumers.

I feel that the United States Department of Agriculture should reevaluate their acceptance of Dr. Newberne's study. The USDA should also evaluate other completed tests similar to Dr. Newberne's study. In Holland and Denmark two lifetime nitrite rat feeding studies showed no resulting cancer formation. In Canada a lifetime nitrite rat feeding study was conducted also with negative findings on cancer formation. The evidence from these studies along with the deficiencies pointed out by the FDA in Dr. Newberne's study should be enough to warrant more evaluation of the nitrite problem. The nitrite ban is currently in its early stages. Amounts of nitrites have been lowered, but not yet removed.

Now it is up to us, members of the agricultural and business worlds, as well as concerned consumers, to stop the FDA from hastily acting on such a critical issue. We need to take positive action by writing the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Carol Foreman; Donald Kennedy, the FDA Commissioner and our own Congressmen. I have written letters and now you too must act. Through our positive actions the USDA must be made to stop the proposed ban and reinvestigate and conclusively analyze the effects of nitrites.

How would you answer the \$500,000,000 question? I agree with Richard Lyng, the President of the American Meat Institute who is not ready to ban nitrites. He states,



“The fact is that based upon present knowledge there is absolutely no scientific evidence that nitrites as properly used in cured meats is harmful to either laboratory animals or humans.”

#### **JUDGES:**

**Merlyn Groot**, President, American Soybean Association, Manson, Iowa

**James A. Graham**, Past President, National Association of State Departments of Agriculture; Commissioner of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, State of North Carolina, Raleigh, North Carolina

**Eugene Lehrmann**, President-Elect, American Vocational Association, Madison, Wisconsin

#### **TIMEKEEPERS:**

**William Nagle**, Acting Executive Secretary, Rural Development Coordinating Committee, USDA, Washington, D.C.

**Johnnie Hood**, Farm Director, WPTF, Raleigh, North Carolina

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#### **SPEAKERS—Extemporaneous Contest**

First Place—Christe Peterson, Madison, Wisconsin

Second Place—Randy Hedge, Wickes, Arkansas

Third Place—Nick Siddle, Cody, Wyoming

Fourth Place—John Pope, Catawba, North Carolina



#### **ABILITIES NEEDED FOR LEADERSHIP**

Christe Peterson, Madison, Wisconsin

Every time I think about the abilities needed for leadership, I find myself making a list for my next year's garden.

I'll plant five rows of "P's". Promptness, Preparedness, Pursuit, Poise and Pleasant. I'll plant three rows of squash. Squash cutting remarks, Squash unwillingness, and Squash laziness. I'll plant five rows of lettuces. Let us be courteous, enthusiastic, happy, friendly and above all, helpful. And lastly, I'll plant three rows of "turnups". Turn up new ideas, Turn up new friends, and Turn up new opportunities. By remembering this, we will always be able to harvest someone with the ability needed for leadership.

Well first of all, what is a leader? Well, by a dictionary definition, a leader is a person or thing that leads. That's obvious. But, what, to us, is a leader? Is a leader an

authoritarian that says, "You'll do it my way." Is a leader a non-directive that says, "You can do it any way you want." No, a leader is democratic. He says "let's all decide how to do it." And then he begins working. Now that we know what a leader is what abilities do we need to develop, the leadership qualities, to be a good leader?

When I am asked that question, I say, follow the B line. Be accepting. Accept others, not for what you'd like to make them, but for what they are. Be trusting. Give people freedom, not from responsibility but freedom to explore and learn about themselves. Be creative. Search for alternatives to new situations. Be a listener. Learn about yourself from what others have to say. Be positive. Emphasize a likeness and not the differences between those you work with. And above all, the most important quality in developing your leadership abilities, be human. Admit you can make mistakes. And when you make a mistake, learn from it.

I think I can. I think I can. I think I can! That was a phrase that a small train used in a children's fairy tale. He had a goal. He wanted to make it up a giant mountain. And he succeeded. But it took work from that small train and work is the most important word in leadership. You must work, and you must work hard. And don't be afraid to fail. And let me tell you, it will happen. Like the last time your judging team just didn't do as well as you would have liked. Or your first safety meeting, the attendance was rather low. But don't worry about that. Just try again. And remember the words of the immortal Booker T. Washington, "Success is not to be measured by the position one has reached in life, as by the obstacles he has to overcome while trying to succeed." So dust yourself off and try again. This time you'll find you have succeeded. You have conquered that mountain.

Well once you have developed the abilities needed for leadership, where will it take you? Well, that's like asking "Where would you like to be in ten years, or you, or even you?" The answers are varied, but that is the answer. Leadership will take you anywhere. So don't be an authoritarian, and don't be a nondirective. Be democratic.

Follow the B line to a hive of helpful hints for developing your leadership abilities. Those who try and fail are infinitely better off than those who try nothing and succeed beautifully. So don't be afraid to fail and don't be afraid to work.

Just remember those five rows of P's. The three rows of Squash and the five rows of Lettuce. And above all, those three rows of "Turnups". And you'll find that you harvest yourself as someone who has developed the abilities needed for leadership.

#### **JUDGES:**

**W. L. Stowell**, Director, Marketing Services, Deere and Company, Moline, Illinois

**James Mersberger**, Director, Young Farmer Programs, American Farm Bureau Federation, Park Ridge, Illinois

**J. B. Grant**, Executive Secretary, National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.

#### **TIMEKEEPERS:**

**John David McCracken**, Professor, Agricultural Education, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

**Marvin Smith**, Community Relations Manager, Support Services Group, Dale Carnegie & Associates, Inc., Garden City, New York





## NATIONAL FFA CONTESTS

An important part of each National FFA Convention is the National FFA Contests. All nine National Contests—Agricultural Mechanics, Dairy Cattle, Farm Business Management, Floriculture, Livestock, Meats, Milk Quality and Dairy Foods, Nursery/Landscape, Poultry—are conducted in Kansas City. The winning teams and the national winners are listed below:

### NATIONAL FFA CONTESTS

#### AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS

Sponsored by The Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.

The Minnesota team composed of Leslie Marty, Mark Neu and Gary Kowalski, coached by Dick Joerger placed first in competition against 42 teams. The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Gary Kowalski, Pelican Rapids, Minnesota, 2. Leslie Marty, Pelican Rapids, Minnesota, 3. Yale Fyler, Dolores, Colorado, 4. Brian Bolliger, Forrest, Illinois, 5. Mark Bolliger, Forrest, Illinois.

#### DAIRY CATTLE

Sponsored by Associated Milk Producers, Inc.

The Tennessee team composed of Gary Rogers, Barry Rogers and Steve Rogers, all of Speedwell, and coached by Wade Breeding and Dan Pearman placed first in competition against 46 teams. The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Gary Rogers, Speedwell, Tennessee, 2. Darin Senestraro, Eureka, California, 3. Lori Santsche, Eureka, California, 4. Barry Rogers, Speedwell, Tennessee, 5. Brian Davis, Staunton, Virginia.

#### FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Sponsored by John Deere

The Iowa team composed of Mark Fox, Doug Pringnitz and Dean Sponheim, all of Osage, and coached by Lewis Lauterbach, placed first in competition against 35 teams. The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Kevin Kleinheksel, Hamilton, Michigan, 2. Daryl Ray Weidner, Tina, Missouri, 3. Doug Pringnitz, Osage, Iowa, 4. John Duffert, Flandreau, South Dakota, 5. Gerald Dale Weidner, Tina, Missouri.

#### FLORICULTURE

Sponsored by Vitality Seed Co. and the National FFA Foundation

The Minnesota team composed of Barb Fick, Nancy Rivers, Lois Bork, all from Winona, and coached by Ms. Diane Radatz, placed first in competition against 38 teams. The five high scoring individuals were:

1. David Ostrich, Herndon, Virginia, 2. Kim Pearson, Spokane, Washington, 3. Lois Bork, Winona, Minnesota, 4. Paul Rosner, Florissant, Missouri, 5. Barb Fick, Winona, Minnesota.





### **LIVESTOCK**

Sponsored by Ralston Purina Co.

The California team composed of Art Green, Jr., Marty Roberts, and Randy Jones, all of Santa Ynez, and coached by Dave Smith, placed first in competition against 47 teams. The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Tom Hood, Guthrie, Oklahoma, 2 Marty Roberts, Santa Ynez, California, 3. John Lichthardt, Shabbona, Illinois, 4. Loy James, Clay Center, Kansas, 5. Lon James, Clay Center, Kansas.

### **MEATS**

Sponsored by Oscar Mayer, Jones Dairy Farm, Geo. A. Hormel and Farmland Foods

The Oklahoma team composed of Mark Irwin, Tad Beverage, and Brad Clayburn, all of Perkins and coached by Paul Evans, placed first in competition against 35 teams. The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Steve Lorcher, Meridian, Idaho, 2. Justin Gardner, Anthony, New Mexico, 3. Carla McCoy, Williston, Florida, 4. Jeff Slater, Jeromesville, Ohio, 5. Brad Clayburn, Perkins, Oklahoma.

### **MILK QUALITY AND DAIRY FOODS**

Sponsored by Mid-America Dairymen and The Patz Co.

The California team composed of Janie Kuhnle, Andi Rexroth and Barbara Cerny, all of Atascadero, and coached by Alfred DeRose Jr., placed first in competition against 33 teams. The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Barbara Cerny, Atascadero, California, 2. Kenneth Smith, Licking, Missouri, 3. Lita Chase, Skiatook, Oklahoma, 4. Andi Rexroth, Atascadero, California, 5. Terry Jones, Licking, Missouri.

### **NURSERY/LANDSCAPE**

Sponsored by American Assn. of Nurserymen, Wholesale Nursery Growers of America and the National FFA Foundation

The California team composed of Mary Borer, Tim Clark, and Randy Waterman, all of Canoga Park, and coached by Bill Brodek, placed first in competition against 39 teams. The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Mike Novak, Allentown, New Jersey, 2. Randy Waterman, Canoga Park, California, 3. Tim Clark, Canoga Park, California, 4. Craig Studer, Columbia, Missouri, 5. Joanne Grubb, Everett, Washington.

### **POULTRY**

Sponsored by Hubbard Farms and Victor F. Weaver, Inc.

The Arkansas team composed of Keith Squires, Keith Childress, and Ken Childress, all of Springdale and coached by Dennis Mason, placed first in competition against 35 teams. The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Ken Childress, Springdale, Arkansas, 2. Richard E. Roller, Washburn, Missouri, 3. Linda R. Klimitchek, Hallettsville, Texas, 4. Randall Reedy, Broadway, Virginia, 5. Sandy Meyer, Cheyenne, Wyoming.



## NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARD PROGRAM

The National FFA Chapter Award Program, conducted annually by the national organization is designed to encourage and reward chapter effort, stimulate group action among members, and encourage improvement in local chapter programs of activities. The awards program has been a valuable aid in stimulating both individual and cooperative effort, and in crystallizing chapter programs of activities into a series of worthwhile activities.

Chapters were grouped into Gold, Silver and Bronze Emblem classifications, according to their record of accomplishments in supervised agricultural occupations experience programs, cooperative activities, community service, leadership activities, earnings and savings by members, conduct of meetings, scholarship of members, public relations, alumni, recreation, and participation in state and national activities.

The top "Gold Emblem" (G) rating was awarded to 120 local chapters, "Silver Emblem" (S) ratings went to 116 chapters and "Bronze Emblem" (B) ratings went to 125 chapters. Chapters earning awards for this year follow:

Alabama . . . . .	<b>B</b>	Crossville, Grant, Scottsboro "A"				Olney, Paris, R.O.V.A., Teutopolis, Warren
Arizona . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Kopa				
	<b>B</b>	Amphitheater, Gilbert	Indiana . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Blue River Valley, Clinton Central, Connersville, Evansville Reitz, Owen Valley, Prairie Heights, Tri-County, Woodlan	
Arkansas . . . . .	<b>B</b>	Judonia, Lavaca			<b>S</b>	Martinsville
California . . . . .	<b>S</b>	Fallbrook, Visalia-Mt. Whitney, Visalia-Redwood				
	<b>B</b>	Elk Grove	Iowa . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Buffalo Center, Central of Argyle, Manchester, Maquoketa Valley, North Linn, South Hamilton, Starmont, Vinton, Waverly-Shell Rock	
Colorado . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Caliche, St. Vrain Valley, Sterling			<b>S</b>	Anamosa, Dysart-Geneseo
	<b>S</b>	Holyoke, Larimer County			<b>B</b>	Bloomfield
Connecticut . . . . .	<b>S</b>	Housatonic Valley	Kansas . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Plainville, Wamego	
	<b>B</b>	Storrs Regional		<b>S</b>	Altamont, Cherryvale, Erie, Hill City, Marion, Marysville, South Barber	
Delaware . . . . .	<b>S</b>	Smyrna	Kentucky . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Barren County, Lyon County, Oldham County, Taylorsville	
	<b>B</b>	Middletown		<b>S</b>	Calloway County, Farmington, Lone Oak, Trigg County	
Florida . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Bartow Senior, Bronson, Groveland Senior, Orlando-Colonial, Santa Fe Senior, South Sumter, Sr.		<b>B</b>	Fulton County	
	<b>S</b>	Pensacola-Tate Sr., Trenton, Zephyrhills Sr.	Louisiana . . . . .	<b>S</b>	Assumption, Crowley, Jena, Kilbourne, Oak Grove, Provencal, Slidell	
	<b>B</b>	Baker County, Brahman (Okeechobee Sr.), East Bay Senior, Gainesville-Agribusiness, Williston Sr.		<b>B</b>	E. Broussard, Hessmer, Pine, South Lafourche, Varnado, Winnfield Senior	
Georgia . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Colquitt, Patterson	Maine . . . . .	<b>B</b>	Limestone, Presque Isle	
	<b>S</b>	Early Co., Effingham County, Jeff Davis, Oconee County, Perry	Maryland . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Damascus	
	<b>B</b>	S. E. Bulloch, Calhoun, Paulding, Peach County		<b>S</b>	Boonsboro	
Hawaii . . . . .	<b>B</b>	Kaneohe, Waialua		<b>B</b>	Clear Spring	
Idaho . . . . .	<b>S</b>	Meridian	Michigan . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Cassopolis, Corunna	
	<b>B</b>	Kuna, Twin Falls		<b>S</b>	U.S.A.	
Illinois . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Ashland, Galesburg, Georgetown, Newman, Roanoke-Benson, Salem, Southwestern, Sycamore		<b>B</b>	Breckenridge, Lakers, Marshall, Perry, Ugly	
	<b>S</b>	Auburn, Avon, Franklin Center, Orion, Pickneyville, Sparland, Waterman	Minnesota . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Cannon Falls, Eagle Bend, Montevideo, New Ulm, Springfield	
	<b>B</b>	Bismark-Henning, Bushnell-Prairie City, Clinton, Mt. Carroll,				

	<b>S</b>	Forest Lake, St. James, Stillwater, Truman, Willmar	<b>S</b>	H. G. Parkinson
Mississippi . . . . .	<b>S</b>	Pine Grove	<b>B</b>	Headwaters, Little Dutchmen, Mifflinburg, Twin Valley
	<b>B</b>	Carthage		
Missouri . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Carl Junction, Carthage, Eldorado Springs, Mexico, Mountain Grove, Mt. Vernon, Washburn	Rhode Island . . . . .	<b>B</b> Chariho, Scituate
	<b>S</b>	Aurora, Ozark, Trenton	South Carolina . . .	<b>B</b> Dorman, James F. Byrnes
	<b>B</b>	Albany, Ava, Houston, Pilot Grove, Salem	South Dakota . . . .	<b>S</b> Flandreau, Roslyn <b>B</b> DeSmet
Montana . . . . .	<b>S</b>	Flathead	Tennessee . . . . .	<b>G</b> Bradley <b>S</b> Dyersburg, Rhea Co. <b>B</b> Meigs County, Riverside, Rogersville, Warren Co., White House
	<b>B</b>	Columbus		
Nebraska . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Ainsworth, East Butler, Howells, Leigh, North Bend, Waverly, West Holt	Texas . . . . .	<b>G</b> Cleburne, Katy, Klein, Nacogdoches, Sulphur Springs <b>S</b> East Central, Ferris, Frisco, Garland, Hamlin, Honey Grove, Hull-Daisetta, Livingston, Lorena, Mineola, Pleasanton, Quanah <b>B</b> Booker, Calvert, Chapel Hill, Commerce, Cushing, Dublin, Edinburg, Floydada, Grandview, Hereford, Lamar, Lindsey, Loop, Midland, Midway, Prosper, Raymondville, Rio Hondo, Santa Fe, Tatum, Valley View
	<b>S</b>	Clarkson		
Nevada . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Ruby Mountain	Utah . . . . .	<b>G</b> Millard Eagle <b>S</b> Grantsville, Springville, Tooele
New Hampshire . .	<b>S</b>	Colebrook	Vermont . . . . .	<b>B</b> Craftsbury, Lamoille Union
	<b>B</b>	Alvirne		
New Jersey . . . . .	<b>S</b>	Allentown, Belvidere	Virginia . . . . .	<b>G</b> Appomattox Sr., Broadway, Caroline, James Wood, Montevideo, Patrick Henry <b>S</b> Carroll County, Gretna Jr., Nottoway Sr., William Campbell <b>B</b> Blackstone Jr., J. J. Riegel Middle, Independence, Pulaski, Stonewall Jackson Jr., W. R. Legge, West Point
New Mexico . . . .	<b>G</b>	Estancia		
	<b>S</b>	Coronado-Gallina	Washington . . . . .	<b>G</b> Elma, Enumclaw, Evergreen <b>S</b> Capital, Eatonville, Zillah
	<b>B</b>	Hatch	West Virginia . . . .	<b>G</b> Mannington <b>S</b> Ravenswood
New York . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Sidney	Wisconsin . . . . .	<b>G</b> Bloomer, Denmark, Evansville, Green Bay-East, Janesville-Parker, Monroe, New Holstein <b>S</b> Belleville, Granton, New Richmond, South Wayne- Black Hawk <b>B</b> Delavan-Darien, Holcombe- Lake Holcombe, Marshfield, Mauston
	<b>S</b>	Barker		
	<b>B</b>	Greenwich	Wyoming . . . . .	<b>S</b> Douglas <b>B</b> Burns
North Carolina . .	<b>G</b>	Bartlett Yancey		
	<b>S</b>	Cape Fear, South Lenoir		
	<b>B</b>	North Iredell, Northeastern, Princeton, Sun Valley		
North Dakota . . .	<b>S</b>	Glen Ullin, Walhalla		
	<b>B</b>	J. E. Eastgate, Jamestown, Rugby, Williston		
Ohio . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Bloom Carroll, Ehope, Mahoning County JVS, Marlington, Marysville, Miami Trace, Mississinawa Valley, Monroeville, Peebles, Ridgedale, River Valley, Sheridan, Talawanda, Tri-Rivers, JVS, Wauseon, Wynford <b>S</b> Cardington, Delaware JVS, Elida, Fairbanks, Greene JVS, Lancaster, New Lexington, Otsego		
Oklahoma . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Broken Arrow, Fairview, Guthrie, Sperry, Springer, Tecumseh, Weatherford <b>S</b> Altus, Alva, Central High, Holdenville, Konawa, Morrison, Perry, Prague, Sapulpa <b>B</b> Bray, Hooker, Madill, Moss, Thomas, Tishomingo, Webbers Falls		
Oregon . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Cascade		
	<b>B</b>	Canby, Hidden Valley, Wallowa		
Pennsylvania . . . .	<b>G</b>	Cloister, Grassland, Northern Lebanon		



## NATIONAL CHAPTER SAFETY AWARDS

### Sponsored by Dow Chemical and the Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute

The National Chapter Safety Awards Program is designed to stimulate activities by local chapters which will result in the more widespread use of safety rules, thus lessening the tremendous suffering and loss of life, time and property that is caused each year by preventable farm accidents and fires.

Each state is entitled to submit for national consideration at least two chapters or ten percent of all chapters receiving Superior Chapter awards. These applications were sent to their various regional offices where a panel of experts ranked them in the Gold, Silver and Bronze Emblem Awards.

There were 20 Gold Emblem Chapters (G), 37 Silver Emblem Chapters (S) and 62 Bronze Emblem Chapters (B). The winning chapters are as follows:

Alabama . . . . .	<b>S</b>	Grant, Scottsboro "C"	Montana . . . . .	<b>B</b>	Columbus, Flathead
Arizona . . . . .	<b>B</b>	Dysart, Gilbert	Nebraska . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Ashland-Greenwood
Arkansas . . . . .	<b>S</b>	Lavaca		<b>S</b>	Ewing, Wood River
	<b>B</b>	Judsonia	Nevada . . . . .	<b>B</b>	Ruby Mountain
California . . . . .	<b>B</b>	Morro Bay, Visalia-Mt. Whitney	New Hampshire . . . . .	<b>B</b>	Colebrook
Colorado . . . . .	<b>S</b>	Eaton-Highland, Liberty	New Jersey . . . . .	<b>S</b>	Warren Hills Regional
Connecticut . . . . .	<b>B</b>	Lebanon Regional, Rockville		<b>B</b>	North Hunterdon
Florida . . . . .	<b>S</b>	Bartow Sr., South Sumter Senior, Zephyrhills Senior	New Mexico . . . . .	<b>B</b>	Clovis
Georgia . . . . .	<b>B</b>	Effingham County, Pelham	New York . . . . .	<b>B</b>	Afton #73, Alexandria Bay
Hawaii . . . . .	<b>B</b>	Waialua	North Carolina . . . . .	<b>B</b>	North Iredell, North Lenoir, West Columbus
Idaho . . . . .	<b>B</b>	Sandpoint, Troy	North Dakota . . . . .	<b>B</b>	Drake, Walhalla
Illinois . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Bluffs, Newman, Sycamore	Ohio . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Bowling Green, Buckeye Valley
	<b>S</b>	Georgetown, Highland, Southwestern		<b>S</b>	Loudonville, Marysville, Ridgedale, River Valley
	<b>B</b>	Pinckneyville, Roanoke-Benson	Oklahoma . . . . .	<b>S</b>	Morrison, Springer
Indiana . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Princeton	Oregon . . . . .	<b>B</b>	Scappoose, Wallowa
	<b>B</b>	Blue River Valley	Pennsylvania . . . . .	<b>S</b>	Northern Lebanon
Iowa . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Central of Argyle, Dysart-Geneseo		<b>B</b>	Curwensville, Headwaters
Kansas . . . . .	<b>S</b>	Cherryvale, Marion	Rhode Island . . . . .	<b>B</b>	Chariho, Scituate
	<b>B</b>	Plainville, Wamego	South Carolina . . . . .	<b>B</b>	Berea, Dorman
Kentucky . . . . .	<b>S</b>	Lyon County, Oldham County	South Dakota . . . . .	<b>B</b>	Arlington, Hoven
Louisiana . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Assumption	Tennessee . . . . .	<b>B</b>	Dyersburg, Riverside
	<b>B</b>	Provencal	Texas . . . . .	<b>S</b>	Cleburne, Loop
Maine . . . . .	<b>B</b>	Limestone		<b>B</b>	Midway
Maryland . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Clear Spring	Utah . . . . .	<b>S</b>	Millard Eagle
	<b>B</b>	Damascus		<b>B</b>	Richfield
Michigan . . . . .	<b>S</b>	Hastings	Virginia . . . . .	<b>S</b>	Caroline, Gretna, Jr., Montevideo, Patrick Henry, Pulaski, West Point
	<b>B</b>	Perry	Washington . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Elma
Minnesota . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Cannon Falls, Eagle Bend, Montevideo, New Ulm		<b>B</b>	Zillah
Mississippi . . . . .	<b>S</b>	Pine Grove	West Virginia . . . . .	<b>B</b>	Mason County Vocational
	<b>B</b>	S. E. Lauderdale	Wisconsin . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Denmark, Monroe, New Richmond
Missouri . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Southwest		<b>B</b>	Cadott, Evansville, Green Bay-East, Janesville-Parker, New Holstein, Prairie du Sac-Sauk, Stevens Point, Wisconsin Dells
	<b>S</b>	Carthage	Wyoming . . . . .	<b>B</b>	Gillette, Pinedale
	<b>B</b>	Ava			



## BUILDING OUR AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

Sponsored by Lilly Endowment, Inc.

A contemporary, exciting and challenging program was recognized for the ninth time at this year's convention. The FFA-BOAC program is designed to provide total involvement of FFA members in a meaningful program designed to meet the determined needs of every community. It provides opportunities for FFA chapters to organize for action to make their community a better place in which to live and work and to take pride in telling about their accomplishments.

Gold Emblem (G) ratings were awarded to 27 chapters, Silver Emblem (S) to 56 chapters and Bronze Emblem (B) to 58 chapters. Four regional winners were selected and appropriate recognition given to them at the national convention. Regional winners were: Otis FFA Chapter, Otis, Colorado—Western Regional Winner; Seabreeze Junior High Chapter, Daytona Beach, Florida—Southern Regional Winner; Stanton FFA Chapter, Stanton, Nebraska—Central Regional Winner. 1979 National Winner was: Big Walnut FFA Chapter, Sunbury, Ohio.

Alabama . . . . .	<b>B</b>	Semmes, York West End				Mt. Carroll, Newman,
Arizona . . . . .	<b>S</b>	Bowie, Flowing Wells				Orion, Roanoke-Benson,
Arkansas . . . . .	<b>S</b>	Lavaca				Southwestern, Sycamore,
	<b>B</b>	Mountain View				Tri-Point, Waterman
California . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Parlier	Indiana . . . . .	<b>S</b>	Brownstown, Tri-County	
	<b>B</b>	Morro Bay		<b>B</b>	Princeton	
Colorado . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Otis	Iowa . . . . .	<b>S</b>	Buffalo Center Bison,	
	<b>B</b>	Holyoke			Decorah, Maquoketa	
Connecticut . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Rockville			Valley, Starmont,	
	<b>B</b>	Suffield			Thompson, Tipton	
Delaware . . . . .	<b>S</b>	Sussex Vo-Tech A.M.		<b>B</b>	Forest City, North Fayette	
Florida . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Seabreeze Junior High	Kansas . . . . .	<b>G</b>	Columbus, South	
	<b>B</b>	Gainesville Agribusiness,			Barber, Wamego	
		Santa Fe Senior		<b>S</b>	Plainville	
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	<b>B</b>	Butler	Texas . . . . .	<b>S</b> Barbers Hill, Paradise
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## AGRICULTURAL PROFICIENCY AWARDS

National awards were presented to members who have demonstrated exceptional proficiency in 22 areas of agricultural production and agribusiness. The 22 winners were selected from a field of four national finalists in each of the proficiency award categories. Proficiency award recipients were selected by a panel of judges representing many major agricultural businesses, trade associations, and organizations in the nation. As a national award winner each student receives \$250, a plaque and participation in an expense-paid international experience program. Each winner also receives a cash travel award to help defer travel expenses.

Following are Agricultural Proficiency Award winners who were recognized at the 1979 National FFA Convention.

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<b>KEVIN LARCOM</b>	Radnor, Ohio	Eastern Regional Winner

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<b>MARK TIMOTHY WILEY</b>	Abbeville, South Carolina	Southern Regional Winner
<b>WILLIAM HURT</b>	Blackstone, Virginia	Eastern Regional Winner

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<b>LARRY RANDALL STONE</b>	Orrum, North Carolina	Eastern Regional Winner
<b>THAD SHIVELY</b>	Pleasant Lake, North Dakota	Central Regional Winner

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<b>LINDA WORKMAN</b>	Crutchfield, Kentucky	Central Regional Winner
<b>B. DANIEL TRIVETTE</b>	Ladysmith, Virginia	Eastern Regional Winner

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**Sponsored by Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation**

<b>MIKE BENSON</b>	Blackduck, Minnesota	National Winner
<b>CLARENCE WENDELL MANNING</b>	Oak Grove, Louisiana	Southern Regional Winner
<b>CHARLES D. JENISON</b>	New Berlin, New York	Eastern Regional Winner
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<b>RICKY HARTSELL</b>	Stanfield, North Carolina	Eastern Regional Winner
<b>SANDRA FAYE SIMPSON</b>	Ivan, South Carolina	Southern Regional Winner

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<b>RANDY TISCHENDORF</b>	Marshfield, Wisconsin	Central Regional Winner



## AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

Each year at the convention, members who have achieved the highest degree are recognized in an impressive ceremony. There were 789 who received the degree. Amoco Oil, J.I. Case, Chevrolet, Federal Land Banks of the USA and Pioneer Hi-Bred International are companies that assist this program through sponsorship.

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Michael John DeLuca  
Roger Ronald Gutschmidt  
Julie Marie Leier  
Noel Robert Mindeman  
Randy A. Novak  
Todd M. Toppen  
Richard A. Vannett  
Dennis Wesley Walsh

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C. Timothy Harter  
Jodi Peacock Hartley  
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Gregory Mark Haubert  
Keith G. Houts  
Dale Stan Huffman  
William L. Kellogg  
Doug Lininger  
Dean Maurice  
James M. McCoy  
Kent McGovern  
Michael W. Metzger  
Rick L. Metzger  
Doug Miller  
James Ward Miller  
Brad Moffitt  
Scott Niederman  
Stanley M. Palmer  
Thomas P. Prince  
Mike Richmond  
Charles William Shirk  
Mike Smith  
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Wesley Kyle Untied  
John A. Van Sickle  
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Kerry E. Boyd  
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Earl Eugene Geib  
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William L. Hostetter  
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David Milton Miller  
Jeffrey C. Rutt  
Victor M. Verbeke  
Vincent C. Verbeke  
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Gregory Yocum

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Robert L. Patrick  
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Reid W. Mayer  
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Dean Paul Sturzenbecher

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James Freeland Comer  
George Dawson  
Allen Freeman  
Coell Hickman  
Hoyt Reid Hodge Jr.

Randy Lockridge  
Charlie Meek  
Keene D. Murphy  
Jeffery Powell  
Duane Rose  
Mike Scudder  
Marvin M. Simmons  
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Randy Eugene Teamer  
Eddie Underhill  
Tony L. Wade  
Philip Leroy Warfield  
Michael Wayne Whittenburg  
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Haskell B. Berry  
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Luther R. Chachere  
Terry Glen Clifton  
Douglas DeForest  
Gregory Lawrence Elliott  
Delmon Ellison, Jr.  
Mike England  
Larry Finke  
Darryl G. Foerster  
Layne Glenn  
Richard Douglas Gohlke  
Lynda A. Golding  
Robert Randall Green  
George Hardegree  
Kenneth Craig Hatanville  
Gary Hayslip  
Michael Joseph Herzog  
Chris Heyen  
Harold Edwin Hillis  
Gary Ray Hinders  
Don Hoff  
Larry Joe Holy  
Stephen Bradley Horak  
Armand Huizar  
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Ricky Ray Jatzlau  
Keith Jentsch  
Neil Jeter  
Charles M. Jones  
Sherry Dee Kidd  
Lon Kiker  
Wesley Link  
Terry Livingston  
Bruce Wayne Lockhart  
Coby Dean Long  
Melvin Breck Long  
Roy Madison  
Thurman Jack Martin II  
Sebastian J. Martinez  
Jerry Glenn Maze  
Bobby J. McCallister  
Jackie Lon McDonald  
Pat D. McDowell  
Mark L. Morris  
Robert "Bert" Morris  
Jim Morrison  
Richard Henry Muennink  
Perry Wayne Mull  
Mark Owen Munday  
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Teofilo Joe Ortega III  
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William Mark Price  
Donnie W. Prihoda  
Melinda Raiford  
Timothy W. Raska  
Melvin Levon Raulston Jr.  
Larry Ricks, Jr.  
Annette Roberts  
Monty Joe Roberts  
Stephen Ray Russell  
Randy Clay Rust  
Bart Wayne Scarbrough  
Philip W. Shafer  
William Clay (Bill) Smith  
Randall M. Spencer  
James Ray Startz  
Ronnie Sugarek  
Kim D. Sullins  
Tim W. Sullins  
Mark Gary Tarver  
James Coy Tunnell  
John Nathan Tyler  
Kevin Urbanczyk  
Sidney J. Walker  
Nora Lois Warren  
L. H. Webb  
Richard L. Webb  
Mark Anthony Wendel  
Cheryl Wendler  
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Ken Chris Christensen  
Craig Childs Crandall  
Alan Kenneth Gurney  
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Clark Partridge  
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Jennifer Courtney  
Robert L. Daniel  
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Lewis C. Greenwood Jr.  
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Richard Dale Ketterman  
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Robert Earl Kirby  
Jeffrey Allen Leonard  
Timothy Kyle Long  
George Henry Peery III  
Steven Bruce Rowland  
Gary Dale Seal  
Michael Lee Smith  
William Marvin Springston

Michael Wesley Tyler  
Ronnie A. Thomas  
Robert Winston Upshaw  
Alan L. Welch  
Kenneth Guy Will  
Joel Thomas Yowell

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Brent Berger  
Terri Lee Bloomfield  
James Everett Glover  
Ron Grabner  
Michael A. Haberman  
Carl Harry Harder Jr.  
Pete O. Hobbs  
John Ellery Jonasson Jr.  
Robert McCue McKinney  
Eric Arlin Paulson  
Dennis J. Reilly  
Gene Ray Rogers  
Curt Wilder  
Michael Andrew Zylstra

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Clyde Myron Bailey  
Gregory Robert Blessing  
Dennis A. Funk  
Lester G. Funkhouser Jr.  
Franklin G. Rapp  
Howard C. Tabb  
Mark E. Teets

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Jeffrey Bradley  
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John W. Creaser  
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Gary R. Fredrick  
Rodney A. Freymiller  
Joseph Frank Gliniecki  
Thomas R. Gust  
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Jon C. Johnson  
Michael C. Langmeier  
Gary B. Laybourn  
Denis G. Lotto  
Robert Wayne MacSwain  
William M. Meyer  
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Robert Nigh  
Gregory Oberstadt  
Norman Reichenberger  
Scott Schmidt  
David William Schuster  
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Michael Van Lanen  
Frederick C. Voigts  
Michael E. Walsh  
David P. Weber  
Randy Zee  
Paul George Zeier  
Wayne Zietlow

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Ray Freeburg  
Chuck Rourke  
Millard J. Smith Jr.  
Regan R. Smith



## HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

Local advisors are often the “motivating force” behind FFA members who achieve high goals in the organization. Advisors are selected by the state association on criteria that encompasses the entire instructional program. There were 73 instructors receiving this honor.

### ALABAMA

James C. Shewbart, Danville

### ARIZONA

H. M. Stewart, Buckeye

### CALIFORNIA

Dixie G. Mitchell, Campbell  
James Young, Dinuba

### COLORADO

Larry R. Siegfried, Fort Collins

### FLORIDA

James Deas, Bronson  
A. Earl Evans, Alachua  
Jack E. Tison, Bonifay

### Georgia

Cullen C. Crook, Quitman  
Melvin H. Johnson, Nashville  
Harold J. Ragan, Cairo

### IDAHO

John Mundt, Meridian

### ILLINOIS

Robert E. Brown, DeKalb  
Allen J. Dietz, Sycamore  
Sherwood Jackson, Seneca  
Larry J. Lowe, Normal

### INDIANA

Robert Meyerholtz, Evansville

### IOWA

Robert H. Cast, West Bend  
David J. Flint, Hampton  
Ronald Virgil Fransen, Spencer

### KANSAS

T. D. Fanning, Eskridge  
Powell H. Heide, Clifton

### KENTUCKY

Gano T. Harding, Mt. Olivet  
Phillip L. Rudolph, Princeton

### LOUISIANA

James L. Burns, Spearsville  
Jerry L. Doshier, Oak Grove

### MARYLAND

Vernon Marshall, Walkersville

### MASSACHUSETTS

Harold M. Kelly, Danvers

### MICHIGAN

G. William Bartow, Alpena

### MINNESOTA

Larry Baumgardt, Sleepy Eye  
David J. Bisson, Willmar  
Ellis F. Hein, Montevideo  
Frank A. Moon, Hayfield

### MISSISSIPPI

Dwight Brown, Falkner  
Don O. Smith, Quitman

### MONTANA

Clark Cleveland, Hinsdale

### NEBRASKA

Dan Acheson, Kimball  
Rolland Essman, Scotia

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

Robert L. Burrill, Colebrook

### NORTH CAROLINA

Cuyler Best, Bailey  
Elmer Eugene Capps, Princeton  
George C. Corbett, Hillsborough  
Ned Y. Hudson, Mt. Pleasant

### OHIO

Gary Allen Bambauer, Clayton  
Jim Bowen, Bryan  
William H. Diley, Jr., Washington C.H.  
Clair S. Jones, Celina

### OKLAHOMA

Marion Eugene Henderson, Covington  
Gerald Roberts, Holdenville

### OREGON

Gene T. Streight, Turner

### PENNSYLVANIA

Quentin A. Hine, Somerset  
Doyle E. Paul, Berlin

### RHODE ISLAND

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### SOUTH CAROLINA

Saul E. Price, Dalzell

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Larry James Ermis, Houston  
Hurley A. Fontenot, Daisetta  
Billy Joe Hall, Rockdale  
David D. Laurie, Booker  
Robert L. Moore, Jacksonville  
Benny D. Pryor, Friona  
James R. Trammell, Clyde  
Lawrence Wallace, Huntsville  
Isaac T. Williams, Crockett

### UTAH

Byron Memmott, Lehi

### VIRGINIA

Wayne W. Cupp, Penn Laird  
James G. White, Milford

### WASHINGTON

Dan Birdsell, Deer Park

### WEST VIRGINIA

Forrest M. Pennington, Terra Alta

### WISCONSIN

Clifford C. Fisher, Black River Falls  
Donald J. Loomans, Eau Claire  
Jerry W. Sherwin, Cuba City  
Harold C. Tech, Seymour



The Honorary American Farmer Degree is also awarded to adults other than local advisors who have helped to advance agribusiness and the FFA, and who have given outstanding service on a national level. There were 113 receiving this recognition, including the parents of the national officers and the parents of the "Stars".

James L. Albracht, Manhattan, Kansas  
 Ted E. Amick, Alexandria, Virginia  
 Jack Annan, Sterling, Colorado  
 James C. Atherton, Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
 John L. Augustine, Jr., Las Cruces, New Mexico  
 C. Welch Barnett, Columbus, Ohio  
 Ralph W. Barnett, Martin, Tennessee  
 David Bateman, Fargo, North Dakota  
 Leon W. Boucher, Columbus, Ohio  
 Bob Broeckelman, Manhattan, Kansas  
 Gary Bye, Pomeroy, Washington  
 Ora Callahan, Indianapolis, Indiana  
 Bartley P. Cardon, Tucson, Arizona  
 Cyril Carpenter, St. Paul, Minnesota  
 James Gerald Coffman, Knoxville, Tennessee  
 Thomas S. Colvin, Athens, Georgia  
 James L. Cooper, Phoenix, Arizona  
 Jeff Davis, Crockett, Texas  
 Anthony G. DeLorenzo, Detroit, Michigan  
 Ben P. Dilworth, Montgomery, Alabama  
 Thomas Engelke, Houston, Texas  
 Armstead M. Feland, III, Little Rock, Arkansas  
 Edward C. Frederick, Waseca, Minnesota  
 James A. Graham, Raleigh, North Carolina  
 Raymond A. Garner, East Lansing, Michigan  
 Ed Grady, St. Paul, Minnesota  
 Anna H. Hitchcock, Alexandria, Virginia  
 Paul B. Holley, Auburn, Alabama  
 I. J. Holton, Austin, Minnesota  
 Johnnie R. Hood, Raleigh, North Carolina  
 Don Jobes, Jr., Houston, Texas  
 Jim R. Johnson, Natchitoches, Louisiana

Peter L. Johnson, Sycamore, Illinois  
 Richard Forrest Kelly, Tallahassee, Florida  
 LeeRoy Kiesling, Martin, Tennessee  
 Joe R. Kirkland, Tallahassee, Florida  
 Keith Kirkpatrick, Des Moines, Iowa  
 Andrew Klapis, Raytown, Missouri  
 Dick Kouplen, Beggs, Oklahoma  
 Roger Lawrence, Hartford, Connecticut  
 Bruce L. Lease, Worthington, Minnesota  
 Eugene I. Lehmann, Madison, Wisconsin  
 Luther L. Lewis, Leesville, South Carolina  
 Chuck Lilligren, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
 Carl E. Loftin, Columbia, Mississippi  
 James M. Long, Alexandria, Virginia  
 Forest D. Loudenslager, Marion, Ohio  
 Vernon D. Luft, Fargo, North Dakota  
 Robert D. Lund, Detroit, Michigan  
 Gailen D. Martin, San Francisco, California  
 R. Paul Marvin, St. Paul, Minnesota  
 J. David McCracken, Columbus, Ohio  
 Marion Garfield McCreight, Lincoln, Nebraska  
 Fred McLaughlin, Columbus, Ohio  
 Darrel S. Metcalf, Tucson, Arizona  
 Murray T. Miles, Jr., Columbia, Tennessee  
 Walton Lavert Minor, Montgomery, Alabama  
 John L. Morris, Gaithersburg, Maryland  
 George Newell, Stillwater, Oklahoma  
 Duane Nielsen, Washington, D.C.  
 Charles Norton, Manhattan, Kansas  
 James C. Odom, Tifton, Georgia  
 Michael L. Perrine, Jacksonville, Illinois

Paul R. Poffenberger, College Park, Maryland  
 Walter V. Potts, Smyrna, Tennessee  
 Henry C. Prange, Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin  
 Erwin J. Raven, Detroit, Michigan  
 H. Edward Reiley, Frederick, Maryland  
 Bennie B. Robbins, Jackson, Missouri  
 Kenneth Root, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
 Robert George Rupp, St. Paul, Minnesota  
 Stanley D. Sahlstrom, Crookston, Minnesota  
 Earl Sargent, Wichita Falls, Texas  
 Erwin Schreiber, West Germany  
 David E. Schuh, Springfield, Virginia  
 Kenneth G. Seering, Denmark, Wisconsin  
 John Stackhouse, Columbus, Ohio  
 Norman James Stafford, Jr., Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
 Charles Stenholm, Stamford, Texas  
 Paul Stevenson, Manhattan, Kansas  
 Gary L. Swan, Glenmont, New York  
 Betty Thompson, Kansas City, Missouri  
 John D. Todd, Knoxville, Tennessee  
 Linus L. Tumbleson, St. Paul, Minnesota  
 Robert P. Van Tries, St. Paul, Minnesota  
 Ledell D. Virdure, Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
 Charles B. Wheeler, Kansas City, Missouri  
 Jamie Lloyd Whitten, Washington, D.C.  
 Gene Williams, Yankton, South Dakota  
 F. B. Wines, Kingsville, Texas  
 Mary Lou Witt, Roanoke, Illinois

#### **PARENTS OF STAR FARMERS**

Jessie Earl Burke, Millen, Georgia  
 Ivelyn Burke, Millen, Georgia  
 Irene Ringhofer, Owatonna, Minnesota  
 Ernest Wiebe, Hooker, Oklahoma  
 Dorothy Wiebe, Hooker, Oklahoma  
 Roy P. Holtzinger, York Springs, Pennsylvania  
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 Beaulah Jean Redditt, Orlando, Florida  
 Wayne Lovelace, Elsberry, Missouri  
 Judy Lovelace, Elsberry, Missouri  
 Richard Palmer, Alliance, Ohio  
 Hazel Palmer, Alliance, Ohio  
 Robert Grabner, Tacoma, Washington  
 Melrene Grabner, Tacoma, Washington

#### **PARENTS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS**

Leslie Sanborn, East Orwell, Ohio  
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 Eulala Grant, Bolivar, Missouri  
 Walter Drane, Nineveh, Indiana  
 Bonnie Drane, Nineveh, Indiana  
 Eugene M. Rudd, Yanceyville, North Carolina  
 Nancy Rudd, Yanceyville, North Carolina  
 Jack Norton, Knoxville, Tennessee  
 Clara Norton, Knoxville, Tennessee  
 George Carnahan, Clovis, New Mexico  
 Emma Carnahan, Clovis, New Mexico

Each of the advisors of the outgoing National Officers received a special commendation at the National Convention. They are:

Robert L. Rogers, Orwell, Ohio  
 J. Darrell Cathey, Morrisville, Missouri  
 Gerald Sergeant, Morrisville, Missouri  
 W. W. Gregory, Spur, Texas  
 Kermit Woolley, Spur, Texas  
 Mike Blankenship, Knoxville, Tennessee

William S. Coe, Knoxville, Tennessee  
 Joseph Park, Nineveh, Indiana  
 Cyrus Vernon, Yanceyville, North Carolina  
 Ralph E. Sadler, Yanceyville, North Carolina





## VIP CITATIONS

The VIP Citation was created in 1970 to recognize individuals who have received the Honorary American Farmer Degree, yet have continually and faithfully served the FFA. This year's citation recipients have worked tirelessly, often at their own expense, to see that young men and women have the opportunity to participate in FFA activities.

Lawrence L. Augenstein  
Pauline D. Coiner

William P. Harsh  
H. N. Hunsicker

M. G. Linson  
O. W. Randolph



## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CITATIONS

There are many organizations that have provided outstanding service to the National FFA Organization. They have contributed personnel, time, and money to further the aim and purposes of the Future Farmers of America. This year three organizations received this Citation.

THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY  
THE EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION  
FARM JOURNAL



# BUSINESS

One hundred twenty-two official voting delegates meet in Kansas City each year to convey the wants and needs of the total membership of the Future Farmers of America. Committee meetings and business sessions provide a forum for these members to voice concerns and ideas for betterment of the FFA.

Proposed amendments to the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws were properly discussed by the delegates and only one adjustment was made. It follows. (Bold portions indicate modifications):

**Article XV.**                    **DUES**  
**Section A**                    Annual membership dues in the National Organization shall be fixed by a majority vote of the delegates present at a national convention of the Future Farmers of America. **THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS AND NATIONAL OFFICERS SHALL SUBMIT THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING DUES TO EACH STATE ASSOCIATION 45 DAYS PRIOR TO THE NEXT SUCCEEDING NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION.** The FFA membership year shall be September 1 to August 31.

## Committee Reports

In other business, Delegate Committee Reports were amended and accepted in the afternoon business session on November 6, 1979. One committee report, that of the Nominating Committee, was not brought before the delegate body for acceptance until the Friday morning session. It was then that the full slate of new National Officers was accepted.

### REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, do hereby submit the following candidates for National FFA Office for the year 1979-80. After having given careful and deliberate consideration to all applications, we offer the following slate of candidates for the delegates' consideration:

**President** ..... Douglas C. Rinker, Virginia  
**Secretary** ..... Philip B. Benson, California  
**Vice President, Central Region** ..... Dee William James, Kansas  
**Vice President, Eastern Region** ..... Donald L. Trimmer, Maryland  
**Vice President, Southern Region** ..... Jeffrie (Jeff) C. Kirby, Arkansas  
**Vice President, Western Region** ..... Elin T. Duckworth, Arizona  
**National Treasurer** ..... J. M. Campbell, Richmond, Virginia  
**National Executive Secretary** ..... C. Coleman Harris, Washington, D.C.  
**National Advisor** ..... Byron F. Rawls, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Stoller, Indiana (Chairman)  
Larry D. Svehla, Nebraska (Co-Chairman)  
Joe Mitchell, Tennessee (Secretary)  
Dave Conway, New Hampshire  
Rodney Johns, Wyoming  
Jim Eisentrout, West Virginia

Don Berberich, Alaska  
Bob Quick, Illinois  
Stafford Myrick, Mississippi  
Advisors: James P. Clouse, Virginia  
James W. Warren, Washington, D.C.

- G. Recommend to the Board of Directors International Committee to allow agribusinesses to directly sponsor WEA scholarships outside of the businesses' own state.
  - H. Recommend that national officers obtain and share a substantial amount of knowledge dealing with WEA, through sub-regional conferences.
2. STATE SUGGESTIONS
- A. Provide time at state conventions for presentations, either by workshops or in general sessions for inbound or returning outbound participants.
  - B. Commend the following who participate in WEA;
    - (1) Chapters
    - (2) Students abroad
    - (3) Applicants
    - (4) Inbound students
    - (5) Host families
  - C. Recommend to state officers to establish a scholarship or funds at the state level to state participants.
  - D. Encourage state officers to promote WEA program at chapter visits and other FFA functions.
  - E. Encourage states to promote and publicize FFA international activities through the following:
    - (1) State newsletters, radio, television and newspapers.
    - (2) Regional state officer workshops.
    - (3) Regional conferences in state.
    - (4) Have more WEA materials available to state officers.
    - (5) Have WEA materials presented to state officers at sub-regional conferences.
    - (6) Have state officer packets include past WEA participants' addresses.
    - (7) Have state obtain lists of inbound participants in neighboring states.
  - F. Have returning participants speak at ag teacher conferences prepared with informational packets.
  - G. Have state officer teams investigate the feasibility of their participation in study seminars.
3. LOCAL SUGGESTIONS
- A. Use the WEA visuals in classroom instruction, and FFA functions which are available through the FFA Supply Service.
  - B. Financial support to their individual participants through—
    - (1) Fund raisers
    - (2) Social groups
4. Encourage Alumni participation in the following:
- A. Sponsor outboard FFA members in the following:
  - B. Host inbound students.
  - C. The continuation of the WEA affiliate of the FFA Alumni.

We, the International Committee, wish to extend our sincere appreciation to Mr. Lennie Gamage, Dr. V. Luft, Mr. R. Kimble, Mr. D. Jueress, all of the International staff. We hope that these suggestions will aid in the continuous success and development of the International program.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Hooker, New York (Chairman)  
 Kathy Petersen, Connecticut  
 Sandy McGuire, California  
 Bruce Keith Mair, Utah

Vern Dougherty, Wisconsin  
 Philip Paramore, Alabama  
 David C. Harlowe, New Jersey  
 Wesley Young, Arizona

## **MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

We, the Membership Development Committee, have taken into consideration many issues as they relate to building membership in Vo-Ag/FFA. We submit that experiences gained in the Future Farmers of America program are of benefit to all vo-ag/FFA students and should be available to all vo-ag/FFA students. Therefore, we support a program to attain 100% plus membership in FFA.

The committee recognizes also that membership development involves not only increased quantity but also increased quality. This committee, however, addressed itself to the chief problem of declining enrollment. We see many barriers which prevent 100% plus membership. Since the vocational agriculture teacher is the nucleus of any successful chapter, his/her enthusiasm towards support and involvement is essential. Many students do not join the FFA because the instructor has failed to effectively utilize the FFA as an intra-curricular teaching tool. Lack of



exposure and knowledge of the FFA eliminates many would-be members.

Many vo-ag/FFA instructors are not products of the FFA and have had little or no training as an FFA advisor prior to accepting his/her teaching responsibilities. In other cases the instructor may simply be underestimating his/her role as a promoter of the FFA.

We feel that increasing membership involves the sale of a product. Public image and public relations, therefore, are important. We must avoid stereotyping ourselves thus making FFA unappealing to non-traditional vo-ag students.

The 1979 Membership Development Committee expresses our sincere appreciation to Dr. Duane Nielsen, Mr. Bob Broeckelman, Mr. Gerald Barton and Mr. Milton Natusch for their assistance.

Having briefly identified some concerns with regard to membership development, and being advocates of 100% plus membership, we submit the following recommendations for consideration:

**You are cordially invited**  
**to attend the**  
**V.I.P. Tour and**  
**Grand Opening Ceremonies**  
**of the**  
**National Agricultural Career Show**  
**at H. Roe Bartle Exposition Hall**  
**on Tuesday, November 6th, 1979 at 12:30 p.m.**

**Invitation must be presented for admission.**

alternative solutions to the trend of decreasing membership. The action committee will be to investigate and develop long-range solutions to the teacher shortage and FFA membership concerns. It is recommended that this study be on a cooperative effort, involving the FFA, the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association (NVATA), National Association of Supervisors of Agricultural Education (NASAE), and the American Association of Teacher Educators Association (AATEA).

10. We recommend that the FFA go on record with the U.S. Office of Education, Council of Chief State School Officers, American Association of School Administrators, National Advisory Council for Vocational Education, American Vocational Association and the National Association of State Directors of Vocational Education, recognizing the significance of strong state leadership and emphasizing the necessity for increased state staffing and supporting resources for providing state leadership for vo-ag, ag business and the Future Farmers of America.
11. In response to the President's Challenge, the committee recognizes that the inherent success of the President's Challenge is related to the number of individuals participating and ultimately the number of students who are members of the FFA.

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    - (4) Have more WEA materials available to state officers.
    - (5) Have WEA materials presented to state officers at sub-regional conferences.
    - (6) Have state officer packets include past WEA participants' addresses.
    - (7) Have state obtain lists of inbound participants in neighboring states.
  - F. Have returning participants speak at ag teacher conferences prepared with informational packets.

The committee recognizes also that membership development involves not only increased quantity but also increased quality. This committee, however, addressed itself to the chief problem of declining enrollment. We see many barriers which prevent 100% plus membership. Since the vocational agriculture teacher is the nucleus of any successful chapter, his/her enthusiasm towards support and involvement is essential. Many students do not join the FFA because the instructor has failed to effectively utilize the FFA as an intra-curricular teaching tool. Lack of



exposure and knowledge of the FFA eliminates many would-be members.

Many vo-ag/FFA instructors are not products of the FFA and have had little or no training as an FFA advisor prior to accepting his/her teaching responsibilities. In other cases the instructor may simply be underestimating his/her role as a promoter of the FFA.

We feel that increasing membership involves the sale of a product. Public image and public relations, therefore, are important. We must avoid stereotyping ourselves thus making FFA unappealing to non-traditional vo-ag students.

The 1979 Membership Development Committee expresses our sincere appreciation to Dr. Duane Nielsen, Mr. Bob Broeckelman, Mr. Gerald Barton and Mr. Milton Natusch for their assistance.

Having briefly identified some concerns with regard to membership development, and being advocates of 100% plus membership, we submit the following recommendations for consideration:

1. Provide incentives on the national, state and local levels which encourage the attainment of 100% in the following ways:
  - a. Encourage states to give recognition to local chapters that have achieved 100% plus membership through award programs and articles in state-wide FFA publications.
  - b. Give recognition at the national level to those states that have attained 100% plus membership.
  - c. Have articles in The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine concerning methods used by local chapters to attain 100% plus membership.
2. Achieve 100% plus membership by maintaining the membership of high school graduates.
3. Provide instructional materials or programs such as orientations to inform school administrators, guidance counselors, school personnel and parents of the integral relationship of the FFA and vocational agriculture. Instruction should be offered to state officers at sub-regional leadership conferences concerning methods which can be used to present membership development programs.
4. Utilize all available resources to promote membership such as films, the Student Handbook, etc.
5. Develop a program which instills an interest in and an understanding of the FFA and FFA opportunities in Jr. high school students and vocational agriculture students who are not members of the FFA.
6. Every vo-ag/FFA student shall be actively involved in the chapter program of activities.
7. Initiate or continue emphasis on leadership programs for first and second year FFA members.
8. The FFA must assume a more active role in the development of vo-ag/FFA instructors. This responsibility includes placing emphasis on Collegiate FFA Chapters and teaching the concept of FFA as an integral part of vo-ag. Teacher training in vo-ag must include training as an FFA advisor. Therefore, after careful consideration, the committee suggests the establishment of a new national committee for the purpose of studying the problems posed by the shortage of vo-ag teachers. We feel the following problems should be considered:
  - a. Since approximately 50% of current aged majors do not have an FFA background, these students will have to be properly educated about the FFA organization before entering the field of vo-ag instruction.
  - b. The decreasing percentage of FFA members who are attracted into the field of agricultural education. The committee recognizes the fact that one of the most viable sources of vo-ag teachers are individuals who have been in vo-ag and FFA themselves.

The committee also recommends that the National FFA Foundation consider the production of a film which emphasizes the advantages and personal rewards of vo-ag teaching.

9. Realizing the importance of immediate action on the above recommendations, this committee recommends the establishment of a study action committee to investigate the causes, consequences and alternative solutions to the trend of decreased membership percentages. The purpose of this study action committee will be to investigate and develop long-range solutions to the teacher shortage and FFA membership concerns. It is recommended that this study be on a cooperative effort, involving the FFA, the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association (NVATA), National Association of Supervisors of Agricultural Education (NASAE), and the American Association of Teacher Educators Association (AATEA).
10. We recommend that the FFA go on record with the U.S. Office of Education, Council of Chief State School Officers, American Association of School Administrators, National Advisory Council for Vocational Education, American Vocational Association and the National Association of State Directors of Vocational Education, recognizing the significance of strong state leadership and emphasizing the necessity for increased state staffing and supporting resources for providing state leadership for vo-ag, ag business and the Future Farmers of America.
11. In response to the President's Challenge, the committee recognizes that the inherent success of the President's Challenge is related to the number of individuals participating and ultimately the number of students who are members of the FFA.

The aforementioned concepts and recommendations are offered with the sole intent of increasing vo-ag/FFA membership and improving the quality of vo-ag/FFA programs.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **NATIONAL ALUMNI**

We, the members of the 1979 National Alumni Committee, realize the vital role that the National Alumni Association plays in our FFA organization. With the help of Mr. Robert Cox and Mr. Odell Miller, we have come up with the following suggestions that we hope will assist the Council in making the Alumni the life-long investment to the FFA:

1. Feature detailed, cover stories on Alumni in the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine and other major agricultural publications.
2. Continue the development of the national communication network and encourage state communication networks.
3. That the National Alumni develop audio visual presentations of the Alumni leadership workshops to be funded by the National FFA Foundation.
4. The National Alumni Association send fact sheets to state officers about the Alumni so they can use that information to encourage Alumni membership in their chapter addresses.
5. Have national officers stress the importance of the Alumni at leadership workshops and state conventions.
6. Consider updating the slide presentations to emphasize the new programs of the Alumni.
7. That the National Alumni let it be known that there are informative materials available to anyone who is interested.
8. The National Alumni will supply the above materials and speakers to State Alumni Associations to participate in state conventions and state fairs.
9. Have the national office request that each state appoint a state employee to assume the duties of a professional contact person who will be responsible for communications between national, state and local affiliates.
10. National organization contact the University Ag-Ed Departments to encourage them to establish local affiliates which will help the training and recruitment of prospective vocational agriculture teachers.
11. National organization set up the mechanics for the local affiliates to establish a scholarship for local FFA members that will major in agricultural education.
12. That the National Alumni will encourage active participation in the President's Challenge such as personal assistance to the FFA chapter members in convincing farmers and businessmen to conserve energy.
13. National Alumni put together an informative packet on what vocational agriculture/FFA is to be distributed to high school guidance counselors.
14. That the National Alumni Council in order to stay financially solvent, consider life membership and a raise of dues if necessary.
15. Have the National Alumni continue to expand the Washington scholarship program and to encourage the local affiliates to establish their own Washington scholarships.

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## **NATIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM**

We, the National Awards Program Committee, hereby submit the following recommendations for incorporation into the existing National FFA Awards Programs. The Committee recommends that a Governor's Citation be awarded for the BOAC winner in each state. The committee recommends that the state staffs en-



courage BOAC participation at Vo-Ag teachers' conferences and make such participation a component of teacher training.

The committee recommends that a method be established recognizing the country's top chapters in the National Chapter Award Program by determining four regional winners and one national winner. The committee recommends the following changes in the National Superior Chapter Award application:

1. Revise Article I, Division 1, to read: "All members planned and conducted agriculturally-related Supervised Occupational Experience Programs."
2. Revise Article IV, Division 6, to read: "The chapter had a planned agenda for each meeting."
3. Revise Article I, Division 7, to read: "The chapter sponsored an activity which recognized outstanding scholarship of the members."
4. Revise Article VII, Division 10, to read: "A chapter representative attended state or national convention."

The committee recommends that the National Crop Production and Forest Management Proficiency Awards remain unchanged.

The committee recommends that the Board of Directors appoint a committee comprised of state staff and vo-ag teachers to examine the membership problem and determine whether 100% membership should be a goal.

The committee recommends that the National FFA Organization establish a program encouraging junior and senior level agricultural students to examine agricultural education as a possible career and to teach vocational agriculture for at least three to four years.

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## NATIONAL CONTESTS

We, the 1979 National Contests' Committee, wish to extend our sincere appreciation to Ted Amick, Leon Wagley, Les Thompson, Richard Carter, Roy Denniston, Walter Upton, Dr. Evans, Delmer Dalton and all contest superintendents for their outstanding efforts in conducting the 1979 National Contests. A special word of thanks is gratefully given to Larry Judy and Everett Stoll of the American Hereford Association for the computer processing of contests and the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show for providing the dairy cattle, and the livestock. Our sincere appreciation and special thanks are extended to the sponsors of the National FFA Contests:

Farmland Foods Inc.; Mid-America Dairymen, Inc.; Patz Company; Hubbard Farms; John Deere; The Vitality Seed Co.; Wholesale Nursery Growers of America, Inc.; The Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.; Ralston Purina Co.; Associated Milk Producers, Inc.; Oscar Mayer and Co.; Jones Dairy Farm; Geo. A. Hormel & Co.; Victor F. Weaver, Inc.; American Farm Bureau Federation, the National FFA Foundation, Inc.; Kansas City University; University of Missouri; Safeway, Inc. (the use of facilities); Swope Park Municipal Greenhouse Complex (facilities for the two Horticulture Contests); Fort Osage Vocational Technical School (use of facilities); American Association of Nurserymen.

We submit the following recommendations:

### SECTION A—New Contests

1. That a National FFA Creed Speaking Contest be held (limited to the first year students in the 9th and 10th grades) with a question and answer period following the presentation and implemented as a national contest in 1982. Rationale:
  - a. To involve younger FFA members with incentive to succeed and accomplish a goal.

- b. To give the younger FFA member a broader outlook on the national organization.
- c. To provide state winners the chance to continue on to a higher objective.
- 2. That a committee be implemented for the purpose of investigating the feasibility and acceptance of a National Parliamentary Procedure Contest. Rationale:
  - a. Parliamentary Procedure is a basic fundamental skill of our organization and thus we need to propagate the skill.
  - b. To provide state winners the chance to continue on to a higher objective.
- 3. That strong consideration be given by the Board of Directors to develop a special committee for the purpose of studying the possibility of formulating a National FFA Marketing or Agribusiness Contest to be implemented into a national contest in 1982. Rationale:
  - a. Since the FFA is also geared in the field of agribusiness, the need of the organization to involve these members is of utmost importance.
  - b. The contest will offer better exposure to the practical experience the organization tries to propagate in the agribusiness field.

#### **SECTION B—Suggested Improvements**

- 1. That any contest which has less than 25 states participating in two out of three years would be presented to the National Board of Directors for possible elimination.
- 2. That direct payment is to be made from the National FFA Foundation to National contestants for prorated travel expenses. Rationale:
  - a. Contestants will be more aware of the sponsorship.
  - b. Will dissolve the apathy and confusion that all expense money is from the state association.
- 3. That written tests should not be returned to the contestants at the end of the contest for those activities that require a written test or involve such. Rationale:
  - a. Would help to stop the possible collecting of national tests for further reference.
  - b. Give all future contest contestants equal chances.
- 4. That the national high point individual winners of each contest should be included in the International Tour, which is presently for the National Proficiency Award winners.
- 5. The medal is preferred for individual winners in National Contests as opposed to a paperweight, with the stipulation that the medal be supplemented by a certificate of accomplishment for the winners of the National Contest. Rationale:
  - a. Would provide winners with a token of accomplishment to supplement his/her jacket.
  - b. Would provide for a token of lasting value.

#### **SECTION C—General Recommendations**

- 1. The present quota in Bulletin No. 4, providing that 80% of all contest contestants receive either the gold, silver or bronze award stay the same, with the following stipulation attached:
  - a. That the remaining 20% of the contestants receive certificates of honorable mention.
- 2. That the advisors/coaches of the top five individuals team in each National Contest be awarded a plaque of recognition.
- 3. That the alternate who travels with the official state judging team be allowed to judge in the National Contest, with the following stipulations:
  - a. That his/her points only be judged on an individual basis.
  - b. That his/her points shall NOT be included in the official three member team. Rationale:
    - (1) The alternate would receive the practical experience while not counting in his/her points in the states' official team's score.
    - (2) Would involve more interest and participation in the National Contests.
- 4. That an individual may compete in extemporaneous or prepared public speaking but may not participate in both.
- 5. That with the possible implementation of new contests, the state FFA association invite and involve the State FFA Alumni in helping to conduct various contests. Rationale:
  - a. The load of responsibility would be spread over a larger group and thus more efficiently.
  - b. Would invite more contests into the state.
- 6. That if a mistake is noticed on a contestant's judging card when handed in at the end of the contest it should not be returned to the contestant for corrections.
- 7. The 1979 National Contests' Committee strongly recommends to the National Board of Directors that a report of the action taken on the previous year's recommendations be presented to all committees for use by the convention delegates. Rationale:
  - a. Would advise the various committee delegations of the action taken on the previous year's suggestions.
  - b. Would provide for future direction and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

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## NATIONAL CONVENTION

We, the members of the 1979 National Convention Committee, after careful evaluation of the National FFA Convention, submit the following items for your consideration. First of all, we would like to commend the following for their unselfish contributions to the 1979 National FFA Convention:

1. To Mark, Kelly, Kevin, Jeff, Dean and Elvin for their part in helping one-half million FFA members "prepare for progress."
2. The National Advisor, Mr. Byron Rawls; National Executive Secretary, Mr. Coleman Harris; National Treasurer, Mr. Julian Campbell, and especially to our recently retired National Advisor, Mr. H. N. Hunsicker for his many years of service to the FFA.
3. Firestone Tire & Rubber Company for making the last session highly enjoyable.
4. Dr. Robert Schuller for emphasizing the importance of "Possibility Thinking."
5. Dr. Thomas Haggai, the inspirational speaker of the 4th session.
6. Congressman Charles Stenholm from Texas.
7. Robert D. Lund and Roland Hendrickson for service to the FFA Foundation.
8. Cotton Ivy, the new Will Rogers.
9. The Spurlows and Mr. Wes Harrison, the man with the million sounds.
10. Dr. Dan Dunham, Deputy Commissioner of Education.
11. The Joint Armed Services Color Guard, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.
12. Past National President, Ken Johnson for bringing the opening invocation.
13. Past Central Regional Vice President, Peg Armstrong, member of the National Advisory Council on Vocational Education.
14. Congratulations to all convention award winners.
15. The convention organist, Ricky Allyn; Mr. Marvin Myers; Mr. Roger Heath and the National FFA Band and Chorus.
16. A big thank you to FFA Sponsors, National Staff and consultants.
17. The Alumni for many great workshops.
18. The Honorable Richard Berkley, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri.

The following items are suggestions for improvement:

- A. White Convention Program
  1. The program is difficult to follow because of pictures which separate different portions of the same session. Color coded pages for different sections of the program.
  2. State the estimated time the sessions end.
  3. Include a map of the Municipal Auditorium, H. Roe Bartle Hall and the downtown Kansas City area showing all hotels and eating places within a 5-10 block area of the Auditorium.
  4. List the names and addresses of companies where members can purchase tapes, slides and pictures.
  5. Include a note to emphasize the need to write thank you letters. Also emphasize that members should show proper appreciation to **all** convention participants by giving them their full attention and applause.
  6. Make a separate program for official delegates showing meal functions and other information presently conveyed orally or by separate pages.
- B. National Convention Proceedings
  1. Include more pictures of FFA members and a picture of each delegate committee.
  2. Use Proceedings as a resource material and encourage members' use.
  3. A list of the names and addresses where convention tapes, pictures and slides may be ordered.
- C. National Convention
  1. Move the T&T Room into a more spacious location.
  2. Encourage everyone to fill out registration cards before the convention.
  3. Put official delegates together by states.
  4. Give the length of the educational tours.
  5. Urge that chapter delegations to the National FFA Convention be kept below 10% of chapter membership and double fees for those that don't.
  6. Allow people up front to photograph American Farmers or announce before why they should not. Have people come to photographic session.
  7. Close off more area from around the screen to cut down distractions.
  8. Use some type of carpet over the entire stage to cut down sound.
  9. Have the color guard march in the center aisles.
  10. Allow no notes to be used in the Prepared Public Speaking Contest.
  11. Allow much more space for delegates with spaces in the rows to allow quicker access to the microphones.
  12. Evaluate the length and effectiveness of the Wednesday evening session.
  13. Band should not play during audio visuals.
  14. Ask people to remain until closing ceremonies.
  15. Official dress during all awards.
  16. Only one representative per chapter in awards presented on stage.

17. Find delegate badges which stay on.
18. More band and chorus on Wednesday evening and less on Thursday evening.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to the members of the National Convention Committee for their hours of time and all of their excellent suggestions, and to Mr. Ben Byler and Mr. Glenn Luedke for their guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER MAGAZINE**

We, The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine Committee, view The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine as an outstanding and vital part of our organization. The success of the magazine has not gone unnoticed. In behalf of the national organization, we wish to commend and extend our appreciation to Mr. Wilson Carnes, Editor, the editorial staff, advertising staff and all persons connected with the publication and distribution of a most informative and enjoyable publication. After careful deliberation and consideration, we submit the following recommendations and proposals:

1. Encourage each member to receive their own magazine. If one family receives more than one magazine, the extra/s may be distributed locally at the student's discretion.
2. Inform members of their opportunities in internship in the FFA information department and magazine.
3. Authorize increase in staff to expedite production and distribution of the magazine when adequate funds are available.
4. Place emphasis on recognizing the unique qualities of each state by region.
5. Encourage teachers to use the magazine as part of their class discussion.
6. Suggest that the magazine should conduct a reader interest survey.
7. Encourage chapters to submit names of prospective advertisers to The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.
8. Suggest continuing to provide information on the progress of the President's Challenge on the chapter level.
9. Encourage state and chapter input to The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.
10. Increase advertisement of chapter award program in the Magazine.
11. Suggest that chapter rosters be completed as soon as possible and sent to The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, containing correct names and addresses to further insure proper and improved circulation of the publication.
12. Encourage chapters to continue to obtain bulk order of the fall issues of The National FUTURE FARMER to distribute to incoming Greenhands, thereby, overcoming the lag in circulation processing.

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## **NATIONAL PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES**

We, the members of the National Program of Activities Committee, have carefully reviewed and inspected the proposed 1980 National Program of Activities and submit the following recommendations and proposed program to the Boards of National FFA Officers and Directors for consideration:

1. Create new and updated audio-visual aids oriented toward the local level. Such as programs concerning:
  - a. Pictorial guide to active chapter.



- b. Contrast of two National BOAC winners.
- c. Possible SOEP project.
- 2. Encourage emphasis at sub-regional leadership conferences on the use of FFA informational pamphlets, such as "What is FFA."
- 3. Develop a more comprehensive roster containing information requested for FFA Annual Report.
- 4. A copy of the FFA Annual Report be made available to all delegates at the National Convention.
- 5. National organization encourage state association to develop a state annual report.
- 6. Develop a leadership handbook containing materials and information collected at the Washington Conference and from the national officer team to be sold and distributed by the National FFA Supply Service.
- 7. Promote through the Alumni agricultural education majors choosing the teaching profession through recognition and scholarship availability information.
- 8. Annual reassessment by the National Board as to needed special committees.
- 9. National Center grounds be landscaped.
- 10. Encourage increased Alumni input in The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.
- 11. Encourage increased efforts to build State Alumni Associations.
- 12. Promote funding of the Hall of Achievement at the National Convention through a booth at the convention.
- 13. National organization emphasize to State Executive Secretaries the importance of distributing BETWEEN ISSUES and UPDATE to his state officer team.
- 14. FFA exhibit at American Vocational Association Convention provide more free informational materials.
- 15. Reassess priorities of national officers as to their emphasis on member contact.
- 16. Encourage use of state award winners and state officers in the National Officers' Tour.
- 17. Encourage publication of articles concerning the problems of the national organization in The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.
- 18. Published articles reflect the quality rather than quantity relating to local member projects in our National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.
- 19. National organization study the possibility of incorporating the FFA Annual Report with the Superior Chapter Award application.
- 20. Encourage the continuation of the FFA energy program.
- 21. National organization set up an energy award program to allow for increased recognition of chapter projects.
- 22. National Boards of Directors and National Officers research and distribute information to states concerning establishment of agricultural education scholarships.

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## **NATIONAL FFA SUPPLY SERVICE**

We, the members of the National FFA Supply Service Committee, offer the following recommendations:

- 1. That a space be provided on the Supply Service order form to show the date merchandise would be preferred to be received by.
- 2. That unsatisfactory merchandise purchased from the Supply Service be promptly returned so that the supplier may be notified, the Supply Service credited and the problem resolved.
- 3. Investigate the possibility of offering a durable outdoor FFA emblem and report findings to the Supply Service Committee at the 53rd national convention.
- 4. That the Supply Service continue to develop a variety of small, low cost items to be used as give-away items for promotion of the FFA.
- 5. Investigate the possibility of offering a status portfolio for sale through the Supply Service.
- 6. The Supply Service offer a District Star Agribusiness plaque.
- 7. The new FFA dress tie and scarf be recognized as a part of the official dress.
- 8. That there be a page in the Supply Service catalogue giving the history of the service, statistics regarding sales' trends and statistics and ideas to speed orders.
- 9. That the Supply Service examine possibilities of offering items for promotion of the President's Challenge such as bumper stickers, billboards, media items, etc.
- 10. That the Supply Service offer for sale caps and T-shirts depicting national conventions and yearly themes.
- 11. That the Supply Service catalogue be revised and enlarged to provide adequate space for display of items.

To Mr. Harry Andrews, and his excellent staff, we say thank you for serving members from over 8,200 chapters and commend you for a job very well done.

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## **NATIONAL FFA WEEK**

We, the members of the National FFA Week Committee, submit the following recommendations to increase participation during National FFA Week by the national, state and local levels:

1. Encourage the use of the words "Future Farmers of America" along with the FFA during National FFA Week in all publications, billboards, posters and news media releases.
2. Encourage chapters in a nationwide effort to stage representative days during National FFA Week. (Example: jacket day, hat day, FFA orientation day, teacher and/or parent, Food for America day, Public Relations day.)
3. Encourage chapters to utilize the wide variety of materials from the Supply Service to involve more members and chapters in National FFA Week.
4. Encourage state associations and local chapters to publicize the Future Farmers of America during National FFA Week through the use of local newspapers, state newsletters, national FFA publications, television, radio, Supply Service billboards being erected with the cooperation of state associations and billboard companies, and encourage state and local businesses to promote the FFA during their advertisements.
5. In reviewing the national Supply Service products we have found through last year's sales that the tent cards should be dropped, and we suggest that a cap be added to the catalogue with the present theme embroidered on it.
6. Members be allowed to submit possible theme ideas to the national office. The member whose idea is used, would then be recognized by the national organization.
7. State associations recognize a chapter or chapters showing the greatest participation during FFA Week.
8. The National office print a letter in the national magazine prior to National FFA Week to all chapter presidents. The letter would remind them to make sure their chapters are planning activities to be used during National FFA Week.
9. The national magazine have an article in an issue prior to FFA Week of ideas chapters can use during the annual week.
10. State associations have chapters send in news items of National FFA Week activities. The state would then compile all materials in a scrapbook and exhibit it at the state convention or state camp.

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## **NATIONAL INFORMATION SERVICES**

We, the members of the 1979 National Information Services Committee, after careful consideration of existing FFA information programs, make the following recommendations in these five areas:

1. That the information department prepare an informational booklet, possibly in the form of a pamphlet, to be sent to all state associations and make available to all chapters, telling the FFA story, its purpose, its future and its areas of participation that are available to FFA members. The purpose of the booklet would be to serve as a guide for state and chapter officers and advisors in preparing presentations to:
  - a. Promote FFA and its results.
  - b. Tell non-members and non-agriculturists about FFA and its role in youth development.
  - c. Provide a basic introduction of the FFA to junior high students and parents.
2. That promotion of the FFA be made a more integral part of the National Chapter Award Program by the addition of a new section on chapter public relations to the application.



3. That the information department provide pamphlets designed to inform non-agriculturally oriented people in the following areas:
  - a. Careers in agriculture.
  - b. The production and processing of food.
  - c. The scope of the agribusiness industry.
  - d. Ornamental horticulture as a facet of agriculture.

These pamphlets would be made available for chapter use as a public relations tool. They would be similar to the calendar program in that the chapter's name and message would be printed on them.

We further suggest that these pamphlets be used in the following ways:

- a. Distributed to local businesses and be made available to the public during FFA week.
  - b. Incorporated with the Food for America program as materials elementary students can bring home to their parents.
  - c. To be made available to the Cooperative Extension Service and thereby being accessible to the public.
4. That the individual's membership card be made a fold-up card having information dealing with the FFA such as:
    - a. A brief history and explanation of the organization.
    - b. A list of the major items that a member receives for his dues, ie, leadership skills, SOEP experience.
    - c. The FFA Motto.
    - d. The FFA Creed.
    - e. Important national dates.

This would provide members with handy and necessary information about the FFA.

5. That the information department develop a fact sheet about United States agriculture and how the dividends from agricultural products affect the American economy.

These sheets could be made available by chapters for the general public and could also serve as a guide and provide incentive for a chapter or state association to develop a similar sheet pertaining to their local area.

In view of the present shortage of vo-ag teachers, the committee strongly encourages state associations to provide more information on FFA to Collegiate FFA Chapters and ag-ed societies and encourage them to participate in state activities. The purpose would be to familiarize potential vo-ag teachers with FFA activities and functions and with the value of the FFA as an integral part of vocational agriculture.

The committee also encourages local chapters to:

1. Place stronger emphasis on career education in the agriculture industry at the junior high school level.
2. To more fully utilize the existing public relations tools that are now available through the National FFA Supply Service and Information Department.

After careful evaluation of the materials available through the Information Services, the committee felt that more than sufficient information is being provided and members are simply not aware of what is available to them.

We, therefore, suggest that the state associations use every available opportunity to inform local members of the services and resources at their disposal.

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## NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

We, the members of the National Leadership Conference Committee, have reviewed and evaluated all aspects of the Washington Conference Program, State Presidents' Conference and Conference staff recommendations for the summer, 1980, and hereby submit the following recommendations and proposals:

### Chapter Conference Program

1. That an advisor's program be developed within the Washington Conference Program, with advisor participation encouraged.
2. The continuation of the policy that the conference program be restricted to only active FFA high school students who will be enrolled in high school for the year following the conference, and that a student may only participate once in the Washington Conference Program.

3. The fee assessed during the Washington Conference Program be raised if needed to cover conference cost, as determined by the director and national staff.
4. Encourage past participants, such as members, advisors and state officers to act as promoters of the Washington Conference Program.

#### **State Presidents' Conference**

1. That a summary be prepared on current agriculture issues and legislation to be presented to participants in the State Presidents' Conference upon registration.

#### **Chapter and State Presidents' Conferences**

1. We support the proposal that the Washington Leadership Conference Program be expanded to two conference sites with conferences running simultaneously, if deemed necessary by the conference director and the national staff. Expansion should be made only if the level of quality can be maintained.
2. If the conferences are expanded to dual programs, a uniform fee be maintained between the two conference programs.
3. Send out information pertaining to the conferences in advance so the members might prepare to some degree as in the case of Congressional visits.
4. Congressional visits be continued with coordinating efforts being made by the conference staff.

To followup the 1979 National Leadership Conference, we recommend the following resolutions go on record at the 52nd National FFA Convention:

Be it resolved that the National FFA Organization sincerely appreciates the efforts of certain people and at this time we would like to issue a very special thanks to President Carter, former FFA member and Life FFA Alumni member, for taking time to meet with the State Officers and challenging them with a new program. Special thanks to the White House staff for their hospitality and cooperation.

Be it resolved that the National FFA Organization sincerely appreciates the efforts and cooperation of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, with special thanks to Secretary of Agriculture, Robert S. Bergland.

Be it resolved that the National FFA Organization sincerely appreciates the cooperation and sincere interest of Commissioner of Education and the U.S. Office of Education.

Be it resolved that the National FFA Organization sincerely appreciates the efforts of Jane Shaw, Manager of the Yeng-Cheng Palace; John Stevenson, Vice President of the Alexandria Management Company and Bill Williams, Manager of the Olde Colony Motor Lodge and the Olde Town Ramada Inn staff for their cooperation and service to the Washington Leadership Conferences.

Be it resolved that the National FFA Organization commends and appreciates the work and guidance of the national conference staff—Kim Beck, Teresa Tesnohldek, Dee Sokolosky, Sam Brownback, Rob Boyd, and especially the Director, Bobby Tucker and the national officers for making the 1979 conference program a tremendous success. Special thanks go out to the bus drivers and tour guides—Bill Johnson, Virgil Cline, Bob Cantrell and Tom Rudderforth, who made the National Conferences so warm, personable, informative and fun. A very sincere thanks goes out to all involved in the program who made it a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Ward Juedeman, Montana (Chairman)

John Gilliam, Kansas

Mike Addis, South Carolina

Craig Clapier, Idaho

Larry Kasten, South Dakota

Cheryl Mallow, Maryland

Steve Durrance, Florida

### **REGIONAL STATE OFFICERS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES**

We, the members of the 1979 Regional State Officer Leadership Conferences Committee, realize the primary objective of these conferences is to insure a prepared and motivated state officer team for the coming year of service. While striving for that objective, the committee submits the following secondary objectives:



1. To get all state officers involved to achieve learning by doing.
2. To develop a state officer's ability to motivate members, chapter officers and others.
3. To involve state staff in regional conferences.
4. To provide an opportunity for states to exchange ideas and programs by intermingling of room assignments and activities.
5. To update officers and staffs on issues and develop a plan of presenting the issues to states and members for future discussion.
6. To utilize resource materials essential to the function of a state officer.
7. To provide publicity for the regional leadership training conference and participants, and encourage state staff to make use of this material.
8. To utilize key leaders in business, industry, government and education to achieve objectives of leadership conferences through training programs, keynote speeches and leadership sessions.
9. To prepare state officers and staff to inform chapter officers/members of FFA opportunities.
10. To continue impromptu and extemporaneous public speaking events as a high priority covered in all conferences.

This committee also addressed the new proposal regarding regional conferences. The new conferences are to be four days and three nights in duration, with three national officers, a national staff person and a Board member in attendance at each conference. The emphasis will be that of national instead of regional conferences. Forty dollars per person in resource materials will be implemented to achieve maximum leadership development. All funding will be handled through the National FFA Foundation. These conferences while providing a more challenging atmosphere will insure a prepared and motivated state officer for his/her upcoming responsibilities. The committee of state executive secretaries and consultants are to be commended for their outstanding work.

The committee supports the new proposal with the following recommendations:

1. In relation to the number of officers to attend each conference, the committee makes the recommendation that states send the same number of constitutional officers to regional conferences as in 1979, and new participants send their constitutional officers. Therefore, states will send no less officers than in previous years.
2. That an additional conference be held to make the total number be nine. The additional conference is to be in Kansas City, Missouri.
3. All conference dates may be left to the discretion of the region, with all dates being from June through August.
4. New resource materials are to be implemented as soon as possible, preferably at the 1980 conferences if feasible.
5. The rotation of sites to other conferences shall begin in the first year of the conferences' existence, assuming funding is available. Rotation order is determined alphabetically within the nine conferences.
6. States shall provide recognition to sponsors of the conferences at the state conventions.
7. Sponsorship promotion shall allow for national and regional sponsorship.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Watson, Missouri (Chairman)  
 Todd Kranz, Ohio  
 Kevin Page, Texas  
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Tammy Meyer, North Dakota  
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# FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

## STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED INCOME

	Year Ended June 30, 1979	Year Ended June 30, 1978
<b>OPERATING INCOME:</b>		
Sales .....	\$4,674,032	\$4,447,802
Less cost of goods sold .....	3,400,994	3,220,513
Gross profit .....	1,273,038	1,227,289
Magazine income:		
Advertising income—net of agency commissions and discounts .....	513,459	501,538
Subscription income .....	404,804	412,790
Calendar income—net of returns, allowances and discounts .....	171,429	168,873
Membership dues—FFA .....	370,919	380,531
Membership dues—Alumni Association ...	51,826	48,089
Convention income .....	156,048	110,419
Management service—special projects ....	—	12,500
International program income .....	208,083	132,275
Summer conferences income .....	201,939	182,180
Service charge income .....	80,251	77,564
Emphasis registration income .....	265	6,352
Total operating income .....	3,432,061	3,260,400
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>		
Salaries .....	836,729	787,170
Magazine costs:		
Production .....	560,540	529,709
Advertising .....	108,326	123,916
Editorial .....	34,275	35,167
Circulation .....	102,858	87,858
Calendar expenses .....	171,905	164,078
Freight and postage .....	151,152	153,595
Travel .....	114,857	119,903
National convention .....	112,187	110,803
Maintenance and utilities .....	103,266	104,581
Depreciation .....	56,374	45,756
Retirement expense .....	89,478	75,347
Printing, stationery and supplies .....	39,184	35,681
Payroll taxes .....	67,379	60,705
Advertising .....	36,575	44,330
Council member expense .....	4,790	3,467
Membership list maintenance .....	2,136	2,998
Regional leadership conference .....	4,351	2,434
National meeting expense .....	1,957	977
Newsletter and membership cards .....	5,033	3,643
Public relations .....	46,373	51,053
Wrapping and shipping supplies .....	25,818	27,078
Archives .....	5,625	4,273
Awards .....	11,803	11,366
Legal and accounting .....	23,752	25,377
National leadership conference scholarships	2,020	1,890



National officers' scholarships	—	9,000
Payroll expense .....	2,029	1,841
Insurance:		
Disability .....	36,469	35,706
Group hospitalization .....	13,709	14,112
Other .....	16,232	15,692
Sponsor recognition program .....	4,196	4,050
International activities .....	10,896	9,025
International program expense .....	206,489	133,608
Summer conference expense .....	204,803	186,878
Telephone and telegraph .....	30,736	28,788
Discontinued and obsolete merchandise ...	5,329	38
Merchandise losses .....	2,863	2,900
Office equipment repairs .....	8,120	7,198
Office expense .....	1,003	1,609
Subscriptions expense .....	1,390	1,117
Truck and auto expense .....	1,649	1,473
Miscellaneous .....	4,176	4,035
Clothing and equipment—national officers	3,817	2,693
State life reimbursement expense .....	1,933	1,218
Educational materials .....	7,610	21,744
Total operating expenses .....	<u>3,282,192</u>	<u>3,095,880</u>
Operating income .....	<u>149,869</u>	<u>164,520</u>
OTHER INCOME:		
Interest income .....	58,172	29,172
Discounts received .....	9,583	9,152
Miscellaneous .....	12,198	14,389
Gain on disposition of property and equipment .....	471	—
Grant for remodeling—NVATA .....	27,500	—
Total other income .....	<u>107,924</u>	<u>52,713</u>
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Cash discounts—advertisers .....	9,733	8,541
Discounts and allowances .....	6,168	5,882
Interest expense .....	8,351	10,974
Bad debts .....	1,017	5,625
Loss on disposition of property and equipment .....	—	292
Total other expenses .....	<u>25,269</u>	<u>31,314</u>
Net other income .....	<u>82,655</u>	<u>21,399</u>
NET INCOME .....	<u>232,524</u>	<u>185,919</u>
APPLICATION OF NET INCOME:		
Additions to Property and Equipment .....	38,277	109,422
Loan Payments to Foundation .....	37,268	37,690
Paving and Landscaping .....	23,908	13,267
	<u>99,453</u>	<u>160,379</u>
	<u>*133,071</u>	<u>*25,540</u>
RETAINED INCOME:		
Balance, July 1 .....	<u>2,639,306</u>	<u>2,453,387</u>
Balance, June 30 .....	<u>\$2,871,830</u>	<u>\$2,639,306</u>
*Transferred to Working Capital		

# PARTICIPANTS



## OFFICIAL DELEGATES 52nd National FFA Convention Kansas City, Missouri—November 7-9, 1979

### ALABAMA

DAVID McCALL, Opp  
KAY BOZEMAN, Berry  
PHILLIP PARAMORE, Notasulga  
HAROLD HAMILTON, Rogersville

### ALASKA

FRANK KEASTER, Delta Junction  
DON BERBERICH, Palmer

### ARIZONA

ALVIN GAGE, Avondale  
WESLEY YOUNG, Peoria

### ARKANSAS

KELLY SMITH, Paragould  
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BRIAN McCABE, Merced  
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 PAM BRINKLEY, Madisonville

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SCOTT WATSON, Gallatin  
 GENE CORMAN, Pomona  
 ROGER GARDNER, Harrisonville

**MONTANA**

WARD JUEDEMAN, Wolf Creek  
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 TOD KRANZ, Shiloh  
 SUSIE BARRETT, Vincent

**OKLAHOMA**

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 CHERIE NEWTON, Alex

**OREGON**

PAT TRINDLE, Baker  
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**PENNSYLVANIA**

GLYN R. BOONE, New Alexandria  
 JOHN J. TRAPASSO, New Wilmington

**PUERTO RICO**

JOSE R. RODAS, Ponce  
 DIOMEDES PLAZA PLAZA, Adjuntas

**RHODE ISLAND**

NARDA LYN MILLAR, W. Kingston  
 NEILL B. LYON, Charlestown

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

MARK WYNDHAM, Fort Mill  
 MIKE ADDIS, Greenville

**SOUTH DAKOTA**

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 STEVE MURPHY, Arlington

**TENNESSEE**

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 JOE MITCHELL, Christiana  
 DAVID ALLRED, Clarkrange

**TEXAS**

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 STU HARRIS, Houston  
 DAVID RATTAN, Boys Ranch  
 DON PARRISH, Tokio  
 GUY TURNER, Hamlin  
 RANDY BENNINGFIELD, Goldthwaite  
 RANDY GREEN, Gorman

**UTAH**

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 BRUCE KEITH MAIR, Roosevelt

**VERMONT**

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 CHUCK CLARK, Guilford

**VIRGINIA**

MELANIE BURGESS, Harrisonburg  
 TIM GANO, Whitacre  
 DAVID STRATTON, Appomattox

**WASHINGTON**

DON FOSTER, Vancouver  
 CATHY KECK, Enumclaw

**WEST VIRGINIA**

JIM EISENTROUT, Hazelton  
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**WISCONSIN**

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 VERN DOUGHERTY, DeForest  
 TOM McKITTRICK, Viola

**WYOMING**

BOB HARPER, Banner  
 HARRY PETTY, Shoshoni





## NATIONAL FFA BAND

Sponsored by the Carnation Company

The National FFA Band, under the direction of Roger Heath of San Luis Obispo, California, assisted by Phillip C. Wharton, Florida, and Roland Rutz, Minnesota, participated in special programs, added greatly to the pageantry and gave spirit to the convention program. Carnation Company of Los Angeles, California sponsored the band, providing money for travel and housing. Following is a list of the 85 band members from 39 states.

### Band Members

#### ARIZONA

Chris Jones

#### ARKANSAS

Teddy Wyatt

#### CALIFORNIA

Jerry Fenwick  
Marty Steelmen

#### FLORIDA

Jeff Stabler  
Craig Putnal  
Dale Alan Cox  
Charles Calhoun

#### GEORGIA

Tim Johnson  
Billy Griffin

#### IDAHO

Tony Tesnohldek  
Tracey Matsubu

#### ILLINOIS

Karen Wedekind  
Jeff Jarboe  
Buddy Klinefelter  
Robin Hager

#### INDIANA

Dennis Buckmaster  
Mark Conley

#### IOWA

Kim Dunn  
Jeff Damman  
Julie Doubek

#### KANSAS

Mike Mills  
Angela Einfeldt

#### KENTUCKY

Jeffrey A. Tyler  
David Miles

#### LOUISIANA

Daryl Stagg

#### MAINE

Michael Cote

#### MICHIGAN

Robert Schroeder  
Lori A. Engle

#### MINNESOTA

Matt Langer  
Cynthia Anderson  
Charles Worm  
Mark Salaba  
Lorraine Uthke

#### MISSISSIPPI

John McMorrough  
Kevin Surrence

#### MISSOURI

Marvin Manning  
Dan Hageman  
Michael Johnston  
Judy Warren

#### MONTANA

Brian Cavey

#### NEBRASKA

David Hegr  
Gayle Thomsen  
Gary Luchsinger  
Rick Williams

#### NEVADA

T. Wade George

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE

Michelle Fecteau

#### NEW JERSEY

Bernadette Tusim

#### NEW MEXICO

Tammy King

#### NEW YORK

Lisa Harvey  
Robert Reed

#### NORTH CAROLINA

Douglas Dabbz

#### NORTH DAKOTA

Peter Rice  
Paul Jeannotte

#### OHIO

Jeff Wilson  
Scott Schiederer  
Brenda Ittel  
Lisa Jones  
Bruce Kavanagh

#### OKLAHOMA

Lowell Robertson  
Trigg Theimer

#### OREGON

Mark Clute

#### PENNSYLVANIA

Chris Klinedinst

#### SOUTH DAKOTA

Chad Hohwieler  
Glen Robenberg  
Scott Christie

#### TENNESSEE

John Lee Eads  
Linda Bryson

#### TEXAS

Cass Garner  
Trent Ballew  
Curry Walschak  
Darren Keith Houser  
Michael Davis  
Kelly Dennis

#### UTAH

Steven Pierce

#### VIRGINIA

Betsy Coe

#### WASHINGTON

Kevan Brooks  
Sigrid Dykers  
David Weson

#### WEST VIRGINIA

Michael Boyd

#### WISCONSIN

Philip Ames  
Jeff Jacobson  
Peter Muschinske

#### WYOMING

Diana Engelhaupt  
Jeannie Poulson





## NATIONAL FFA CHORUS

Co-sponsored by the Hallmark Educational Foundation and the National FFA Foundation

The National FFA Chorus, being directed for the last time by Marvin D. Myers, West Lafayette, Indiana, assisted by A. L. Carlson, North Carolina, and Dr. William Williams, Pennsylvania, provided many excellent musical numbers to "fit the occasion." Their role in providing music for special occasions gave spirit to the convention. Marvin Myers directed the chorus for 25 years before retiring this year as National Director. Following is a list of the 106 chorus members representing 38 states.

### Chorus Members

#### ALABAMA

Terese Hardin

#### ARIZONA

Bill Beard  
Patty Benson  
Charmaine Gilchrist

#### ARKANSAS

Perry Hart

#### CONNECTICUT

Vicki Laughrain  
Mary Ella Welch

#### FLORIDA

James H. Bennett  
Carla Bliss  
Cayton Combs  
James W. Morley

#### GEORGIA

Jeff Collins  
Jimmy Head  
Scott Hobbs

#### IDAHO

Relda Hill  
Lori Wittman

#### ILLINOIS

Susan Campbell  
Mike Doolin  
Larry James  
Deanna Stoll

#### INDIANA

Suzy Alberts  
Tracy Campbell  
Mark Fuelling  
George Gardineer  
Jerry Gibson  
Debbie Hardebeck

#### IOWA

Darwin Engelkes  
Michael Grunder  
Scott Hebenstreit

David R. Juhl

Leland Lantz  
Barb Streicher  
Sam Thumma

#### KANSAS

W. N. Alexander  
Brian Bowers  
Sonya Haddock  
George Haist  
Chad Messenger

#### KENTUCKY

Randy Anderson  
David Donaldson

#### MARYLAND

Jeffrey Shanks

#### MICHIGAN

Stephen R. Flint

#### MINNESOTA

Brenda Crider  
Michael Dove  
Allan Dummer  
Heidi Linder  
Bill Ruff  
Allan Westby

#### MISSISSIPPI

Larry Harvey  
Joy Moss

#### MISSOURI

Tim Bentch  
Lori Diane Blair  
Curtis Bohl  
Sharri Carroll  
Blaine Means

#### MONTANA

Patrick Finlayson  
Shane Willson

#### NEBRASKA

Dan Funk  
Jane Napier  
Kevin Schroder

#### NEVADA

Kevin Scott Reese

#### NEW MEXICO

Robin Brown  
Gene Potter

#### NEW YORK

Sharon Bailey  
Edgar C. Flading, Jr.

#### NORTH CAROLINA

Laura Alexander  
Larry Chambers  
Ricky A. Hemric  
Kim Holland

#### NORTH DAKOTA

Eric Hofman  
Todd Lasher

#### OHIO

Biz Acton  
Sonya Fritz  
Beth Haws  
Tim Osborn  
Douglas Yackee

#### OKLAHOMA

John P. Babb  
Wesley Newby  
Judy Shook

#### OREGON

Roxanne McGeorge  
Susan Savage

#### PENNSYLVANIA

Kevin Brownlee

#### SOUTH DAKOTA

Del Edelman  
Brian Gene Helm  
Lana Hodge  
David Jensen  
Doug Sorensen

#### TENNESSEE

John W. Robinson  
David Price

#### TEXAS

Geffrey Gore  
Marvin Perkins

#### UTAH

Cameron Nielson

#### VERMONT

Holly Dee Buck

#### VIRGINIA

Dirk Paxton Davis  
Allen Dale Glover  
Cathy Sue Hively

#### WASHINGTON

Debbie Bailey  
Peter Glenn Harmon  
Candice Merrick

#### WEST VIRGINIA

Henry E. Maxwell

#### WISCONSIN

Michael J. Bender  
Joseph Brunner  
Jill Grunzel  
Wesley Hauri  
Suzanne Mills

#### WYOMING

Scott Mendenhall

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Chaperone

Gail Cable,  
Raleigh, N.C.  
Chaperone





## 1979 NATIONAL CONVENTION TALENT PARTICIPANTS

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Kevin Jones  
Neal Mannon  
Perry Goines  
Larry Escalanta

### CALIFORNIA

Gilroy & Campbell Chapters  
Robbin Hight  
Pati Callahan  
Florence Conklin

### COLORADO

Flagler Chapter  
Linda Michal  
Eunice Michal

### DELAWARE

Lake Forest Chapter  
Genia Gerardi  
Glenn Govatos

### FLORIDA

J. G. Smith Chapter  
Teresa Adams  
Groveland Chapter  
Randy Story  
William Story  
Danny Story  
Cecil Brown  
Mr. Vernon Story

### GEORGIA

Fannin County High Chapter  
Greg Brooks  
Tony Curtis  
Ray Richie  
Drake Nicholson

### KANSAS

Central High Chapter  
Brenda Billiter  
Pam Hill

### MICHIGAN

Lakers Chapter  
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Tim Wendt  
Bill Volz  
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Brad Franta

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Willow Springs Chapter  
Jim Coale  
Barry Bales  
Mike Freter  
Greg Watson  
Kelly Johnson

### MONTANA

Augusta Chapter  
John Nelson  
Rohn Nelson

### NEW MEXICO

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### NEW YORK

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Trent Anderson  
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Bert Fagerland  
Tim Mosser  
Greg Mosser  
Bernie Elsbernd  
Brad Anderson  
Lynn Jacobson  
Lynn Torgerson  
Norman Hanson  
David Ouse  
Greg Oien  
Mark Graupe

### OHIO

Barnesville Chapter  
Jeff Mayhugh  
Alexander Chapter  
Tami Dougan

### OREGON

North Douglas Chapter  
Terry Glenn  
Sheri Glenn

### TEXAS

Aldine Chapter  
Doyle Hayslip  
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Linda Maxey  
John Wendt

### UTAH

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### WASHINGTON

Eatonville Chapter  
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Roger French—Montana	Douglas J. Lemieux—North Dakota	Peggy M. Oaks—Michigan
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